



FIREFIGHTERS IN CUTS WARNING

Report by Jonny Drury

FIREFIGHTERS have warned services in Oswestry can't take any more cut backs amid uncertainty over plans to merge the running of fire and police services in Shropshire.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion announced in June his plan to take over the governance of Shropshire Fire Authority.

He argued having all services under one organisation would produce savings of £4 million. John Davies, who retired from Oswestry Fire Station earlier this year after 33 years of service, said a merger between emergency services could work.

However, Mr Davies did not believe the money could be saved without affecting jobs.

Mr Davies said: "I think the amount of money they want to save will impact and put lives at risk. But at the same time if the fire, ambulance and police worked together it may save money but there are other ways to do it.

"Shropshire Fire Authority is already cut back right to the bone so personally I think pressure needs to be put on the government for more money, because any more cut backs and lives will be endangered.

"I don't think it will impact retained firefighters like there are in Oswestry, but also closing stations is not the way to do things.

"It costs a lot less to run a retained station so I think Oswestry will be okay, but I have seen services neglected before and it has had an impact on lives and we don't want to see it again."

Station manager in Oswestry Adrian Bowen said: "It has got the possibility to work but if it is to work all systems must be put in place correctly, it can't be drawn up on the back of a fag packet.

"If it was to make the fire service run more efficiently and save the tax-payers money it would get support, but I can't see how it can be run more efficiently than it is at the moment.

"We're massively worried, we are overstretched at the moment and there just can't be any more cuts to front line services, there is not enough meat left on the bone."

County councillor Paul Milner, who is a member of the fire authority, said the firefighters needed to be listened to as part of the plans.

He added: "I just can't see where these savings are going to come from without cuts to front line staff or to stations."

Couple's community commitment recognised



Councillor Robert Milton, Linda Morgan and Alison Parr at the community award presentation. Photo: Steve Leath.

A COMMUNITY-spirited couple have been recognised for their service to their village.

Linda and Dennis Morgan, lived in Morda, near Oswestry, for more than 50 years and a few years after Morda United Football Club was resurrected in 1976, the couple became heavily involved with its running.

Dennis helped out with the pitch and the kit and Linda started a tea hut serving refreshments to the supporters.

Over 40 years later and the devoted couple were still helping out in the same roles as well as lending a hand in the nearby social club and village hall.

This year the Oswestry Rural Parish Council Community Award was re-born, with council chairman Robert Milton nominating the pair. Sadly Dennis passed away in June after a battle with illness. Last week Linda was presented with the award by Councillor

Milton, who is also the chairman of the village hall, and Alison Parr of Stonehouse Brewery who sponsored the award. Councillor Milton said: "If anyone deserved an award like this it was Linda and Dennis, Linda was over the moon to receive the award. They have been instrumental in helping the football club, social club and village hall down the years and it was awfully sad to lose Dennis earlier this year."

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JUSTICE

Reassurances are given over court's future amid fears

FEARS the last magistrate court in Montgomeryshire faces closure have been quashed by the Ministry of Justice.

Long-serving solicitor Robert Hanratty said there is grave concern among practitioners that Welshpool Magistrates Court could potentially be subject to closure.

Court staff numbers have reduced and with some cases already moved to Wrexham, the solicitor fears his defendants could soon face 60-mile journeys to appear before a court. However, this week the Ministry of Justice said there are currently no plans to close the court, the only one left in Montgomeryshire. A spokesman said: "There are no plans to close Welshpool Magistrates Court. We announced in 2016 that the building would be retained for civil, family, tribunals and magistrates' work."

Mr Hanratty said despite the reassurance, there are still concerns within the court system in the area. He said: "In the name of austerity I think it can confidently be stated Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service has already gone too far with regard to court closures and centralisation, and that they have already created something close to insurmountable obstacles to people who are trying to access justice."

ENTERTAINMENT

Plans for balloon festival take shape

FINAL preparations are being made for a huge balloon festival near Oswestry.

For 2017, the Wales International Balloon Festival is moving over the border to the British Ironwork Centre. It will take place over the August bank holiday weekend. Thousands of people are expected to attend the display which will see 50 balloons take off from the tourist attraction - prompting a reminder that people must have tickets to enjoy the festival.

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Baby units will reopen – if enough midwives are hired

Report by Sue Austin

MIDWIFE led units in Shropshire will reopen for births in October – but only if enough midwives have been recruited to ensure they can be properly staffed.

The chief executive of Shropshire and Telford Hospitals Trust, Simon Wright said the best experience a low risk mother could have was giving birth at home or in a midwife led unit and said the current overnight closures of Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth were very much a temporary measure.

Speaking to Oswestry Town Council, which has criticised the closures, Mr Wright said more midwives were currently being interviewed and recruited and said he hoped they could be in post in time for the three-month review of the situation on September 29. "We have 160 midwives at the trust and a significant number work in the midwife led units and in the rural areas. The trust has earmarked a sum of money to increase the number of midwives," he said.

The trust has said the three units will remain shut for between three or six months with mothers instead having to give birth either at home or in Telford or Shrewsbury.

He said more and more mothers were choosing to give birth in the consultant led unit with yearly births at Oswestry down from 90 to 40. "We could not continue having staff in empty buildings overnight with no patients while their colleagues in the consultant unit were rushed off their feet," he said. Mr Wright said the temporary closure was not connected with the current review of maternity services across the county. He said: "We have no desire to remove any local and rural provision for mums and we have no desire to shut services."

Councillor Nikki Hughes told the meeting mothers had told her the goalposts had changed over what was considered to be a low risk birth and said more were being told they would have to have their babies in Telford.

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Clever Judith in the Mastermind hot seat



Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital staff member and Mastermind contestant Judith Sansom with her Rupert Everett DVDs

A STAFF member at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital recently swapped her desk chair for the black Mastermind chair as she took part in the long running BBC quiz show.

Judith Sansom, governance lead in the clinical governance department at the hospital, will appear on an episode of the show after successfully applying to take part.

Judith, who lives in Corwen, North Wales, answered a range of general knowledge questions as well as questions on her specialist subject, Rupert Everett films.

In preparation for the show, which was filmed recently, she purchased a host of films the British actor had starred in to prepare herself for the show. She said: "I've always been a big fan of Rupert Everett, not just of his films but also his books, I was almost going to choose Rupert Everett's life as my specialist subject but I think that would've been a bit too challenging. Getting through all of his films took me long enough because I'd forgotten just how many he had starred in."

Judith, 58, said she enjoyed the whole experience and was proud to have her family there eagerly watching on in the audience. She said: "It was a really fun experience overall, it was intense at times but it was fascinating to see what goes on behind the scenes and you learn a lot about television production. The adrenaline you feel while in that chair is brilliant."

"I'm not able to reveal how I got on until my episode airs so you will just have to wait and see."





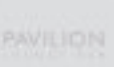

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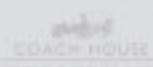
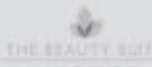
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Morrisons under fire over £45m store site

SUPERMARKET bosses have been criticised for "abandoning" a site that was once part of a proposed £45 million leisure and shopping complex.

The land on the Old Smithfield on Shrewsbury Road in Oswestry was due to be developed into a 16-acre complex with a five-screen cinema, Morrisons supermarket, Frankie and Benny's and McDonald's restaurants.

However plans were shelved in early 2016 after Cineworld pulled out of the development and Morrisons, who lease the land from the town council, expressed concerns about an Aldi store being built on a nearby site.

After a meeting between the town council last year, the site was due to be re-marketed by the supermarket, but more than a year later there are still question marks over whether it will ever be developed.

County councillor Paul Milner is unhappy that no new information has come to light in the last year and has called the state of the site a disgrace.

He said: "I think the way they have left the site is utterly disgraceful.

"They have left it to overgrow and it is unsafe. It is the gateway into Oswestry, the first thing that everyone sees and it is not acceptable for it to look like that.

"It is not fair on the people of Oswestry, it is showing no respect for the people who live here by leaving the site like that.

"We have invited them time and time again to sit around a table with us and talk about how they will move forward but nothing has happened, it needs sorting because it is a disgrace.

"They've literally just abandoned the site."

Planning permission was granted in 2011, with the town council leasing the land to Morrisons and receiving £4 million in capital receipts from the development.

In 2015 work was completed on the new Smithfield livestock market, but after uncertainty in recent years no one is closer to knowing what will come of the rest of the site.

Faulty generator led to death of 'soul mates'

Report by Aimee Jones

A COUPLE died from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by a faulty generator, an inquest heard.

The bodies of Juliet Susan Miller, 50, and Christopher Dean Bevan, 45, were found on February 24 at the derelict Gate House on Maesbury Road Industrial Estate, Oswestry.

Assistant coroner for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, Joanne Lees, gave a ruling of accidental death at Shirehall in Shrewsbury.

She said opiate toxicity was also a contributing factor to Mr Bevan's death.

The toxicology report showed both had Class A drugs in their systems, including cocaine, heroin and methadone.

Mrs Lees said she'd heard from Jane Wellings, a close friend of the couple, who described them as "soul mates" that had been together for more than 20 years and shared a love of dogs. "Jane Wellings raised concerns about the welfare of the couple," she said.

"A police officer responded to the concerns and found two people on the first floor, now known to be Juliet Miller and Christopher Bevan.

"There was a generator in a downstairs room and drug paraphernalia in the room where the bodies were located."

She said Mr Bevan had 75 per cent carboxyhaemoglobin in his blood while Miss Miller had 70 per cent - both figures were in the range associated with death and fatalities. "On the balance of probabilities this was an accidental death," she added.

"Given that the generator was still half full, it is likely that it was poisoning from a faulty generator."

The couple were last seen in Old Chapel Pharmacy in Oswestry picking up their methadone prescriptions which reduces withdrawal symptoms in people addicted to heroin or other drugs. Mr Bevan, who was also prescribed diazepam for anxiety and depression, collected his last prescription on February 15 and Miss Miller was seen picking hers up a day earlier, but neither were seen again the court heard.



The couple were found at the derelict Gate House on Maesbury Road Industrial Estate, Oswestry

Night closures causing drivers misery

OVERNIGHT closures on a busy trunk road are putting extra miles and time onto people's daily journeys.

Val Jones, who has to commute to Welshpool daily, says her life is being made a misery by the closure of the A483 south of Oswestry.

Mrs Jones, 61, who lives in Morda, near Oswestry, said her 14-mile journey to work as a chef at the

Smithfield Bell in Welshpool takes under half an hour. But because the A483 from Llanymynech to Llynclys is closed from 8pm each night her journey home at 10pm can take over an hour.

If she followed the recommended diversion from Buttington to Knockin and onto the A5 to Oswestry it would more than double the mileage.

But if she uses a shorter diversion she then has to rely on workmen at junctions with the closed road letting her cross.

She said: "When I drive at the end of a long shift and am tired and just want to get home."

James Wildman, Highways England spokesman, said: "We are working hard to complete the improvements as soon as possible."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Controversial car park plans axed

A SCHOOL has withdrawn plans to build a car park on the site of a historic battle ground.

Oswestry School came under fire after it was revealed it wanted to build a 42 bay car park on the Maes Y Llan playing fields - thought to be where the battle between King Oswald and King Penda took place. Bosses reduced the size of the car park to 27 spaces after objection from residents who feared it would cause traffic chaos as well as noise and light pollution.

However, residents in Lutton Close launched a petition and Sport England said the car park could lead to a loss of the cricket ground. The application has now been withdrawn.

Athlete Mikey in health scare

A PARALYMPIAN'S life was at risk when he was placed into an induced coma and put on life support last month.

Mikey Hall from St Martins represented Team GB as an archer at the Rio Olympic games, and has competed in numerous competitions.

However days before he was due to travel to the Czech Republic to compete, he was rushed into hospital for emergency surgery.

His condition descended into septicaemia and he was put on life support. He is now out of the coma and responding, his mother Inge has said.

Ex-teacher admits sex allegations

A FORMER teacher from Oswestry has admitted further sex offences.

Gordon Fleming, 66, pleaded guilty to 11 indecent assaults on girls under 13. The offences were carried out in the 1980s.

Fleming has already admitted 24 offences, during a hearing last April, meaning he now faces charges relating to 35 victims.

Judge Geraint Walters told Swansea Crown Court that sentencing, on September 15, would take an entire day because of the large number of impact statements from his victims.

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James Corfield

Special tribute to be held for James

AN afternoon to celebrate the life of a teenager who died during the week of the Royal Welsh Show will be held tomorrow (Friday).

Montgomery Cricket Club will host an open air ceremony on behalf of the family of James Corfield, a talented member of the club.

The ceremony will take place at 2pm at the Lymore Ground in the town and it will be open to all.

John Barker, club chairman, said: "James's life will be celebrated with contributions from members of his family, the cricket club, the farming community, the town of Montgom-

ery and others. It will include a selection of music and songs to help remember his life.

"Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony, and will take the form of a traditional cricket tea." James's body was found in a deep pool in the

River Wye on July 30, six days after he went missing. He was a talented member of the club and club members cancelled their July 29 games in a bid to join the search for their friend. The club also instigated a minute's round of applause at games across the Shropshire league.

New street market aims to revitalise town trade

Report by Sue Austin

A NEW street market will be launched as part of Oswestry's plans to woo people back to traditional shopping.

Oswestry is fighting back against a move to internet and superstore shopping by portraying its markets as a shopping and leisure experience.

Live music and family entertainment will be part of the first Saturday market that will be trialled in the historic market town.

The outdoor Saturday market, currently held on the Bailey Head, will move into Bailey street from this weekend.

£600 raised for charity at quiz

NEARLY £600 has been raised at a charity quiz night ahead of a runner's bid to tackle the Lake Vrynwy Half Marathon in September.

Jonny Drury, from Morda, Oswestry, has decided to run his first half marathon around the lake on September 10, to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Running alongside another family member Chloe Edwards, the pair are raising money in memory of Jonny's auntie, Karen Pierpoint, who lost her battle with cancer two years ago. A quiz night was held at Morda Social Club, with more than 15 teams turning out to raise money for the charity. In total £595 was raised through the quiz, a raffle and various donations on the evening.

To donate further to Jonny's cause go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-drury>

Based on the successful Artisan Market that now runs on the last Friday of every month in Bailey Street, up to 10 gazebos will be placed in Bailey Street. Markets and events manager David Clough, said: "The plan is to attract some new traders as well as relocating some existing ones bringing a mixture of traditional goods and various food stalls. What is pleasing is that already established businesses within the town are planning on having regular stalls."

He said those already on board included Baileys Café selling fresh cakes, and Lep-ones restaurant selling Italian food as well as the Eastern European Food Store based on Beatrice Street.

Mr Clough said: "There will be additional stalls and live music throughout the town which will create a fabulous festive atmosphere."

The new street market opening coincides with planning applications for new restaurants and take-aways in the town. At a recent Oswestry town council planning meeting councillors welcomed plans for a new Italian restaurant in Church Street and a hot food takeaway in Willow Street.

Doggy power on show at event



Mayor Vince Hunt and Charles Lillis with members of the Guide Dog Association

MORE volunteers are needed to be puppy walkers for the Guide Dogs Association and also human helpers for those with sight impairment.

The Shropshire branch of the charity held an awareness day in Oswestry when almost a dozen guide dogs and puppies that are being trained were the stars of the show on the Bailey Head. They also included retired guide dogs.

Oswestry Mayor Vince Hunt and Shropshire High Sheriff Charles Lillis were in attendance at the event.

Lin Stapley from Oswestry retired her popular guide dog, Woody, earlier this year after seven years of being together.

Woody has now become the family pet while new arrival, Declan, has become her guide dog.

Lin volunteers for the association and fundraises as thanks for the help she has had from Woody and now Declan.

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London 'refusing to admit it has knife crime problem'

Report by Jonny Drury

THE sculptor behind Shropshire's iconic Knife Angel has criticised leaders in London for refusing to add the artwork to Trafalgar Square's fourth plinth.

Alfie Bradley created the 26ft sculpture as part of a campaign backed by police forces across the UK to highlight knife crime.

Around 100,000 knives were surrendered by every police force to build the national monument as a memorial to those affected by knife crime. It was hoped the artwork, created at Oswestry's British Ironwork Centre, would feature at Trafalgar Square to inspire people and spread a message about the impact of street violence.

But London Mayor Sadiq Khan has knocked back the plans, saying the fourth plinth is reserved for contemporary works of art that have been specially commissioned and selected by the Fourth Plinth Commissioning Group.

Mr Bradley said: "London would have been the best place for it to go and for it to start on a tour around the country, but they just won't admit that they have a problem with knife crime."

The sculptor recently saw the problems London has with serious knife crime first hand. After appearing on The One Show to talk about the two years it took for him to create the angel, the sculptor went on for drinks with friends. He was in a pub near to an incident that saw a man on a bike stabbed in the street. Mr Bradley added: "It does have a problem, I saw that first hand in London when I was there. I was walking down the street with friends and we had gone into a pub. I didn't see the incident but the police came into the pub to ask us what had happened, and we discovered a man had stabbed another man who was on his bike, and then stole his bike. It shows there really is a problem that London isn't admitting."

British Ironwork Centre boss Clive Knowles is organising a protest march outside the Mayor of London's office as a "last ditch attempt" to get the Knife Angel featured in Trafalgar Square. A date has not yet been set but Mr Knowles is contacting families involved in creating the statue, who have lost loved ones, to ask them to take part.

"However, this outcome is not a foregone conclusion and it will be vitally important that the people of Mid Wales get involved and make their voices heard when the formal consultation starts later this year."

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Festival plans heating up



Balloons took off from Cae Glas Park in Oswestry recently to promote the Bank Holiday balloon festival. Photo: Graham Mitchell.

The host of a major balloon festival has warned people will be turned away if they don't have tickets.

For 2017, the Wales International Balloon Festival is moving over the border to the British Ironwork Centre, near Oswestry.

Thousands of people are expected to attend the spectacular display which will see 50 colourful balloons take off from the popular tourist attraction.

But owner Clive Knowles has said the centre on the A5, which is usually free to enter, will not be open to the general public over the August bank holiday weekend.

"Health and safety will always take precedence over money for us," he said. "We're limiting it to 1,000 cars and won't be accepting people on the day. If you have not got a ticket in advance, you can't come in. Health and safety has to be prioritised."

The colourful festival, held in collaboration with Linstrand Technologies, will raise money for Nightingale House Hospice. The event takes place over the bank holiday weekend from August 26-28. To book tickets visit britishironworkcentre.co.uk

Meanwhile, the bosses at the centre have organised a competition to win two adult tickets to this weekend's V Festival at Weston Park. Contact the firm's website for more details on how to enter.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Growing up in the country and in a farming community meant that from a very early age I carried a penknife. As did all my friends, and we put our valued possessions to a variety of uses – but throughout my youth I can't recall a single knife-related violent incident.

Back in the day we had to make our own entertainment. There were no Xboxes to play games on or iPods to download our favourite music. We had to listen to Radio Luxembourg or Radio Caroline during the hours of darkness and in the summer holidays long balmy days were spent in the outdoors making good use of our penknives to make bows and arrows and recreate scenes from our favourite Robin Hood episodes.

All that has now changed of course and it is now illegal to buy a knife if you are under 18 and an offence to carry one unless it is a folded version – in a bid to cut the unbelievable rise in knife crime related incidents.

And this week we learned it's not just a city related problem with figures released by West Mercia Police showing that the national rise in knife possession and violent attacks is also reflected in Shropshire. Officers are so concerned that they are launching a campaign in which young people will be urged to hand in their knives at stations. They fear the trend of carrying knives is spreading among young people as figures reveal that cases reported by police in the last year have risen, with 147 knife-related crimes reported in Shropshire in the first six months of this year – and that includes children as young as five and 16 under the age of 13.

Alarming figures reveal that since January 2010, there have been more than 1,700 reports of knife crime in Shropshire.

The campaign to hand in knives is to be applauded but it is the deeper problem of why so many feel the need to be armed that must be tackled. Cutting off the supply would help. Why for instance has the Local Government Association found that nearly one in four shops break the law and sell blades to under-12s? That has to stop and there must be bigger penalties. Those in opposition to the Government would have you believe that austerity measures are at the root of the problem and they have something there. The rise in offences does coincide with massive cuts to the youth service, widespread closures of youth clubs and the scrapping of education maintenance allowances.



Firefighters survey the damage to Shelton Hospital



The Shelton blaze led to big changes



Firefighters at the hotel in Church Stretton

Memories remain of two terrible fire tragedies

Two retired firefighters remember two tragedies which happened nearly 50 years ago

It was a year retired firefighter Mike Bickford from Oswestry would rather forget.

Today, almost 50 years on, he remembers 1968 and his role in attending two tragic fires in Shropshire that together claimed 29 lives.

In the space of a few short weeks firefighters in our county dealt with two tragedies the like of which they had not seen before, and thankfully have not seen since.

Around midnight on February 26, 1968, a fire was discovered at Shelton psychiatric hospital. Amid the flames and choking smoke, 24 patients lost their lives on a locked ward. It was among Britain's worst hospital fires. Conditions at Shelton had long come in for severe criticism and in the aftermath there was an inquiry.

The Ministry of Health report blasted the lack of training given to nurses in fire procedure.

And then on April 2 five died in a blaze at a hotel in Church Stretton. The victims were three brothers, a maid, and a waitress.

Mike Bickford was a young firefighter at the time and by chance was involved in both calls, being among some of the first on the scene at Shelton.

"It was such a groundbreaking event and such a terrible event," he recalls. "There was a big change after that fire and quite rightly so."

And firefighter Nick Morris, 79, had an



Mike Bickford, front right, later in his career at Oswestry Fire Station

unforgettable part to play at Shelton. "Myself and George Fletcher, who is now dead but was a very good fireman, were the first in the building that night, wearing breathing sets," said Mr Morris, who lives now in Pant but back then lived at Mount Pleasant in Shrewsbury and was based at the town's old fire station at Cross Hill.

"It was unbelievable. It was burning, but it was not a blazing inferno. The fire was upstairs on the first floor and when we went up the stairs we were faced with a blackout of smoke and fumes. Our training was always to search to the left, so we went to the left and took three people out. Then we went to the right and took two more. By that time our sets were empty."

He said the deputy chief officer, a

Mr Goodwin, and another firefighter, Phil Edwards, had put ladders up to the building's windows to try to save people.

"They could not get in because there were bars on every window. There were people at the windows screaming."

He said nobody came out alive from the ward where the fire was, but two women patients who had been locked in padded cells were saved. Mike Bickford, who is 72, lives now in Oswestry, but at the time was living in a fire service house in Wenlock Road, Shrewsbury, and based at Cross Hill. He had joined Shropshire's fire service in November 1963 and became familiar with the psychiatric hospital at Shelton through fairly frequent visits when patients had set off the fire alarms.

The fateful call came somewhere around midnight on the night of February 25-to-26 and he says the firefighters assumed it was another call-out caused by a patient breaking the glass of the fire alarm. They arrived at the building and were about to get off and get ready when a nurse came running up.

"She climbed in the appliance and said 'Round the back! Round the back!' At that time we had no idea what we were going to be confronted with. We went round the back. There was quite a severe fire in one area and smoke coming out from various parts of the building."

The cries of the women patients have haunted him since.

Soon casualties were being brought out. He began going round those rescued trying to find who was still alive, and trying to save them. According to the report released in December that year the fire was 'almost certainly' caused by a lit cigarette end left in an easy chair. Mike said: "From this fire a load of legislation came along. The standards were increased dramatically, even more so after the hotel fire at Church Stretton which was quite a game changer." Again, he was on duty with White Watch and arrived at The Hotel to find the roof well alight. Firefighters from Church Stretton had already been in action and retrieved the boys. He and a colleague went in to the building wearing breathing equipment, and as they searched, the jet of a hose brought down part of the roof on them, with a piece of wood hitting Mike on the back of the helmet.

They were to find two female victims. "The Church Stretton fire would not have happened if there had been fire precautions in there," said Mike. "It was a very bad year, there was no question about it. When I reflect back it was probably the worst few months in my career."

WORKING FOR YOU



After much delay and detailed consideration, a key decision was taken at a 'Meeting in Public' of the Future Fit Joint Committee at Shrewsbury College last week. It was not a 'public meeting' though an opportunity was given to members of the public who attended as observers. The Joint Committee was made up of 15 voting members – six representatives of the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, six representatives of the Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group, two independent clinician members and an Independent Chair. Professor Brake, the chair, managed what was inevitably a difficult meeting in an efficient and impressive manner. He was excellent in every way.

There were four matters, all connected, which needed to be decided on. I was very pleased and much relieved that the votes on all issues were unanimous. It was clear to me that all 15 voting members agreed that the recommendation before them were based on the best clinically led guidance and were in the best interests of delivering a safe and sustainable NHS service for the populations of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, and Mid Wales. They voted on the evidence that was before them. They were not prepared to be influenced by what I felt were ill considered contributions by some audience members given the chance to speak.

The key vote was whether to move towards going out to public consultation with a 'Preferred Option'. The Future Fit Strategy Board recommendation, which was in front of the Joint Committee was on the basis of a 'Preferred Option'.

At the heart of this 'Preferred Option' was a proposal that 'Emergency Care' should be based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, while 'Planned Care' should be based at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford. The 'Preferred Option' included the transfer of the most serious Women's and Children's cases from Telford to be alongside the new Emergency Centre at Shrewsbury.

There are several more hurdles to clear before spades go in the ground. There is public consultation, probably 12 weeks, where concerns about the 'Preferred Option' will be addressed. Finally after several years debate, I feel confident Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, and Mid Wales will have the best Emergency Service realistically possible.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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CAN I CHANGE MY SON'S SURNAME TO MINE WHEN I REMARRY?

Q: I divorced my son's father soon after his birth two years ago. I am now in a new relationship and am engaged to get married. When I marry I want my son to have the same surname as me but his father will not agree to this. Can I just go ahead regardless?

A: Parents often want to change their child's surname when they remarry but there are laws regulating this. The first step is to ascertain who has Parental Responsibility. Mothers automatically have parental responsibility for their children but fathers only have parental responsibility if they are named on the birth certificate and are present at the registration or if the parents were married when the child was born. Other individuals such as legal guardians may also have parental responsibility for a child.

Children under 16 years cannot change their surname without the express consent of all those with parental responsibility. As your son is 2 years old and you were married to his father at the time of his birth, you will need his father's consent to change his surname. His father is entitled to refuse his consent, though you can apply to the Family Court for a Specific Issue Order to grant permission.

Before applying to the Court you must, however, first attempt mediation. Mediation is where an independent, trained mediator helps parents to work out agreements for such as child arrangements issues. If mediation is unsuccessful you can apply to court where a number of factors will be taken into account when determining whether your child's surname should be changed, including the biological link, reason behind your desire to change your son's surname and the degree of commitment his father has shown him. The court will rule in your son's best interests. Before taking any step you should seek legal advice.

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Letters

Book explores the potential EU fallout

IN his new book 'Europe's Last Chance' and described as the "high priest" of the European Union by long-time foe Nigel Farage, Guy Verhofstadt explores the fallout from the referendum and what might happen next.

Here was an extract where he refers to young people and students... "who massively voted remain, will be excluded from Erasmus, the European academic exchange programme, from low tuition fees at Euro-

pean universities, and from hundreds of millions in European research grants from which UK universities profited disproportionately.

"But more than just 'the happy few' are affected.

"The inhabitants of the poorest cities in the south west and the north east of England will no longer receive aid."

While over the border in Wales, in particular South Wales having received very

generous European aid and yet so many voted for self harm when they placed that cross.

Finally a quote from Michael Barnier, EU chief Brexit negotiator

"Some people are living under the illusion that Brexit will not have substantial consequences for their lives".

PHILIP GEORGE
Welshpool
Powys

Travelling by road becoming more difficult in our country

THOSE with tight schedules will have noticed that travel by road is becoming increasingly slow and difficult. There are several reasons. Firstly, many drivers appear lethargic and normally travel much slower than the speed limit. They go into hibernation at traffic lights and other places where they have to stop. Their slow reaction times and lack of interest in forward motion makes the drying of paint look rapid.

Secondly, due to the population explosion and increase in wealth, there are many more vehicles on the road and overtaking is usually impossible.

The rate of travel is the speed of the lowest common denominator. That is, the sloth at the front of the queue whose forward progress requires sensitive instruments to detect, and shows utter lack of consideration for those who value time.

Thirdly, road works affect most of our routes most of the time. It has become popular to shut roads completely to give highway men peace and quiet while they very gradually carry out their work.

In summary the UK transport network is woeful, backward and poorly managed. We can do our bit to help by showing consideration for others and not holding an "A" road to ransom at the speed of a stagecoach.

PETER KEEN
Oswestry

We should not misuse statistics

I'M getting sick of the way statistics are being misused in the continuing Brexit debate.

Twice recently I have seen it reported 83 per cent of people voted for parties that supported Brexit in the general election, suggesting that 83 per cent of people support Brexit itself. This is clearly untrue as only 52 per cent voted to leave the EU in the 2016 referendum. Brexit is actually a non-partisan issue – there are people in all parties who are for and against it – and it should be treated as such. Most people have accepted it will happen, for better or worse, but it would be quite wrong to leave our future relationship with Europe in the hands of a single political party.

There should be a multi-party approach to our negotiations with the other 27 countries, so the interests of the 48 per cent who wanted to stay in the EU are not ignored. This would be proper democracy, rather than 'winner takes all', and is the only way the people of the UK will feel united.

So let's put pressure on our political leaders to approach the forthcoming negotiations with a spirit of compromise, both internally and externally, so that we get an outcome acceptable to the largest number of people.

ROBERT MONRO
Whitchurch

Shoppers brave the chill for festive presents



Brrrr... This will send a chill down you – and scenes like this are only a few months away now. Here shoppers in Oswestry were braving blizzard conditions on December 21, 1981, to buy their last minute Christmas shopping.

The dogs are not to blame for their poor reputation

I HAVE two Staffordshire bull terrier dogs. They are kind, loving animals who would not hurt a fly. I have trained them myself. They like other dogs and people.

Unfortunately, because of the reputation Staffies have, when we are out walking them some ignorant people have shouted at them and chased them in a threatening manner.

Two eight or nine-year-old girls threw stones at them.

One of my dogs was hurt.

My point is it's the owners, not the dogs.

If you train them and treat them with respect, Staffies are loving, loyal and a joy to have around. I think it's a shame they have this reputation as not all Staffies are nasty. After all, other breeds of dogs can be just as nasty.

I have to add that the majority of dog walkers and dogs that we meet are lovely. My dogs and their pets play together nicely and it is a pleasure to see both my animals and their dogs having fun.

KAREN EDEN
Shrewsbury

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Put your words in to some action then

PRIME Minister Theresa May has boasted of governing for the 'just about managing'. She needs to put that promise into action.

A start would be against high rents and service charges demanded by social housing providers and landlords.

Across the country service charges are an expensive imposition on tenants, renters and council tax payers.

The services are often substandard, unused, unavailable or unwanted.

DAVE GARDNER
Shrewsbury

Tory party must be ready to fight to keep free country

AS an ex serviceman in the Royal Air Force (1950 to 1953) and also as a volunteer coal miner (1954 to 1959), I wish to ask some questions.

There seems to be, I could be wrong or course, a small element of Labour party supporters (not Communist – that's democratic) who appear to want to live in a one party state.

Obviously they've never done National Service or worked in steel of coal.

Are they ex service?

Don't they understand what President Abraham Lincoln's words engraved on all our war memorials at Gettysburg mean "They have not died in vain" and Mr Churchill's "We owe so much to oh so few", really mean?

They must use the ballot box and the free press to state their case.

I vote Labour too!

But the Tory party must fight tooth and nail to preserve a free country.

EMYR DAVIES
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Proud pair are show presidents

A HUSBAND and wife team have been elected presidents of a Mid Wales family show.

John and Ann Humphreys say they are humbled and proud to have been named Montgomery Show presidents for 2017. The couple, from Rhievoch Farm in Montgomery, have long been associated with the event. John was raised on the farm and can remember attending his first show as a toddler.

They would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this year's show where there will be displays of local produce, art, flowers and crafts. There will also be more than 100 shields designed by children to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the Treaty of Montgomery in 1267. It takes place on Saturday at 1pm in Lymore Park.

Charity is ready to open up shop

A HOSPICE that attracts patients from the Shropshire and Welsh border is to open a new shop in Oswestry.

Nightingale House Hospice will be opening the doors of its new store on Cross Street in the town on Wednesday. The shop is the 12th for the hospice, which already runs retail outlets in locations across its catchment area which includes Wrexham, Flintshire, North Shropshire, areas of East Denbighshire and across to Bala, Dolgelau and Barmouth.

Nightingale House retail manager John Donnelly said he was delighted to be making the move into Oswestry.

Garden club on visit

TREFONEN Garden Club is visiting Plas Cadnant in Anglesey on Sunday.

The cost is £16. Call Jeremy Gadbury on (01691) 583012 for more details.

B&B owner was overpaid by £9,400, court is told

By Deborah Hardiman

A BED and breakfast owner was overpaid benefits to the tune of almost £10,000 after failing to tell the authorities about her business.

Sandra Bland, aged 52, of Gobowen near Oswestry correctly applied for employment support payment after suffering an accident at a previous place of work in 2010, but carried on claiming benefits when she rented out her home to fund the new business.

She admitted to two counts of dishonesty between 2013 and 2015 at the hearing at Telford Magistrates Court on Friday last week. Adam Warner, prosecuting, said the total amount to be repaid was £9,400.

He said the charges relate to a property bought by Bland in 2002 for £138,000. She was taking an income from this property as well as from benefits during the period.

Sam Lees, defending, said: "My client regrets her actions. She did not want to rely on the state."

"She made a legitimate claim in 2010 after an accident at work which left her with back pain."

"When a chance came to open a bed and breakfast she welcomed it with open arms, but she had to give up her home and move."

"She did the wrong thing by not declaring it. She rented out her house and invested the money in the business property, but it did her no good as the bed and breakfast struggled to get going."

The magistrates ordered Bland to repay the £9,400 and fined her £341 and ordered her to pay costs £185 and victims' surcharge £34.

Town's diversity will be celebrated



Bhangra dance group Nachda Sansaar will entertain on Saturday

THE inaugural Oswestry CultureFest will be held across the town centre on Saturday.

Running alongside the Shropshire Produce Market, CultureFest activities will be focused on Bailey Head, Bailey Street, Cross Street and at the Cross and Festival Square.

Free music and dance performances from different cultures include Klezmer music by the Klezmonauts, Bhangra dance by Nachda Sansaar, the Oswestry Street Band, Café Lola, Bulgarian music and dance, Kurdish music and dance, Syrian beat box and other pop-up performances of music, poetry and readings throughout the day.

Other attractions include free tasters of food from different cultures and free henna tattoos on Bailey Head. There will also be a host of information stalls run by local groups and organisations celebrating Oswestry's vibrant and diverse communities. The event is being organised by Fairness, Respect, Equality Shropshire (FRESH) Ltd, Shropshire Council's Community Enablement team, Oswestry Town Council, the Hermon Chapel Centre, the Jools Payne Partnership, Oswestry Equality Group, Disability Oswestry and Oswestry Welcomes Refugees.

Couple tell how they were lucky to survive quake

A COUPLE who holidayed on the Greek Island of Kos have described how they were lucky to get out alive following a devastating earthquake.

A 6.5 magnitude tremor hit between Bodrum in Turkey and the Greek islands, injuring 200 and killing two people on the island.

It struck at the start of the holiday season with many Brits on the island.

Simon and Jeanette Pierpoint, from Brongarth, near Oswestry, had been on Kos for 24 hours and were out there with friends David and Wendy Hughes.

They were spending the week celebrating Wendy's 60th birthday when just hours into their stay the devastation struck. Mr Pierpoint said: "We were just getting ready to go to bed, I was cleaning my teeth when I was just thrown from side to side. All hell broke loose and it just kept rocking the room, things were flying off the walls, the light fittings were falling out."

"I grabbed Jeanette, we put dressing gowns on and headed for the door. The lights went off and people were screaming and shouting. It lasted for several seconds and then we made our way down the corridor and down the stairs. Glass was all over the place, how we didn't cut ourselves I don't know. We went to see our friends were safe and then got to the front of the hotel where there was about 1,000 people there all in shock, it was like a refugee camp with people covered in cuts and bruises."

The earthquake struck at 1.30am in the early hours of July 20, with the epicentre just 10 miles from Kos.

During the days after the quake the couples were forced to sleep in the grounds of the hotel, with the building turned into a construction site.

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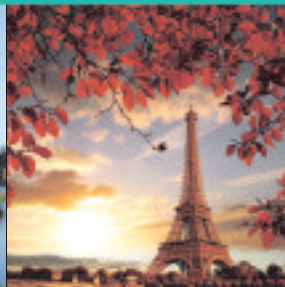
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Retailer in new venture to support the bereaved

A RETAILER who supplies equipment for a shooting sport has launched a coffee company to raise money for bereaved armed forces children.

Oswestry's Airsoft imports, run by Nick Woodhead, supplies equipment for the energetic sport 'Airsoft', in which participants eliminate each other with plastic BBs via airsoft guns. The non lethal shootout is often likened to paintball and has a cult following in the UK and across the world.

Nick, who is a passionate player, works in the airsoft industry and has decided to launch One Shot Coffee Co. the world's first coffee company aimed at the airsoft community.

In doing this, he is pledging to donate 50p of every bag of coffee sold to Scotty's Little Soldiers, the charity which supports those who have lost a parent in the armed forces.

Founded by war widow Nikki Scott in 2010, Scotty's supports children across the UK who have lost a parent while serving in the British Armed Forces. The charity was set up in memory of Nikki's husband and father to her two children, Corporal Lee Scott, after he was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. One Shot Coffee Co. promises to bring the best coffee beans and grinds to its customers for them to be alert throughout the working week and ready for airsoft matches at weekends. The idea came to Nick after reading a blog post online, after which he decided he would make the jump and start a business alongside his partner Tori Orritt and friend Todd Foulger.

To learn more about the One Shot Coffee Co. visit www.oneshotcoffeeco.co.uk.

African school to get toilets thanks to project

By Sue Austin

A KENYAN primary school is getting more toilets for its children thanks to pupils in Shropshire.

Work is well underway at the Sosoni primary school where 450 children shared just two toilets. All the work is being done by Kenyan builders.

It is being funded through the Kenyan Schools Project, a charity run by Bill and Lynn Morris from Oswestry.

Mr Morris said the project was only made possible thanks to the fundraising by Year 9 pupils from the Lakelands Academy which made £780.

"The year nine pupils at Lakelands, under teacher Mr Ian Crilly, have been raising money for our Kenyan Schools Project for many years.

"They organise cake stalls, do sponsored events and have non-uniform days," he said.

"It is great that the teenagers do something for children in Kenya and also they can see where the money they raise goes.

"When the toilets are finished there will be a plaque saying that it had been built thanks to Lakelands Academy."

The Kenyan Schools Project has donated everything from paper and pens and hundreds of desks to classrooms toilets and even the electricity supply to schools and orphanages.

Bill and Lynn visited a school during a dream holiday to Kenya in 2004.

Now the couple run a shop in Bailey Street in Oswestry to raise funds for their charity.

More details about helping the charity are available from the shop or the website, <http://www.kenyanschoolsproject.co.uk>

Pretty Muddy coming to Chirk Castle



The picturesque Chirk Castle will be the backdrop for the fundraiser

THE countdown is on to a very messy fundraiser.

Women are being urged to get down and dirty in the fight against cancer by signing up to North Wales's first ever Pretty Muddy event, to raise money for Cancer Research.

The challenge at Chirk Castle near Oswestry is a women-only, non-competitive 5k or 10k obstacle course on October 7.

Sarah Hunter, Cancer Research UK's North West and North Wales area event manager, said: "We're so excited to bring Race for Life Pretty Muddy to Chirk for the very first time. We're calling on local ladies to limber up and muck in to make it a huge success.

"We've no doubt that they've got the muddy motivation to take on the challenge and help beat cancer sooner.

"Race for Life events are not competitive and women can complete the Pretty Muddy course at their own pace, climbing, jumping, walking and laughing their way around.

"Whether they plan to wade their way through the mud or make a big splash, every muddy step mums, daughters, sisters and friends take will help to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman is victim of handbag theft

A WOMAN had her handbag snatched before she was pushed into a fence in Oswestry.

West Mercia Police is appealing for information to the theft that took place on Sunday at 5.10pm near Oak Street car park.

The elderly lady was walking home when she was approached by a man who demanded money.

He then stole a handbag from the lady and pushed her into a metal fence.

After taking the bag, he ran onto Lorne Street onto Prince Street and towards Castle Street.

The man is described as white, tall, but under 6ft, with a large build and with a local accent.

He is believed to have been wearing a brown long sleeve top.

Warning is given out to litter louts

POWYS County Council has issued a warning to people about littering after a member of the public was given a fixed penalty notice for throwing rubbish out of a car.

The fine was given out after the rubbish was thrown from a car on Llandrindod Wells High Street, and was seen by a council enforcement officer.

Further investigations allowed the person to be traced and they accepted a £75 fixed penalty notice.

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 makes it a criminal offence to deposit litter and the offence can attract a fine of up to £2,500 if it goes to court.

Councillor Phyl Davies, portfolio holder for waste management, said the council is stepping up the enforcement on littering and issued a warning to people.

He said: "Littering and dumping of rubbish is a blight on our communities and environment."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Officers take part in ride

MORE than 20 intrepid cyclists took on a 200-mile ride to raise money for charity.

Riders from Dyfed Powys Police took part in the ride over three days to raise money for fallen colleagues and to raise vital funds for Care Of Police Survivors.

The cyclists taking part included Assistant Chief Constable Liane James.

The challenge saw them join with officers from other forces taking part in the UK Police Unity Tour, an annual cycle ride from the National Police Memorial in London to the National Arboretum, Staffordshire.

Daughter to tell father's war tale

THE story of a war hero will be told by his daughter in Welshpool to raise money for the town's 1940s weekend.

Janet Marsden is the daughter of Jack Marsden whose dramatic experience in the Second World War included being shot in the head and captured.

However, he was liberated in a daring rescue that involved a bicycle. Through a presentation, Janet will recall the whole story along with maps, souvenirs and other memorabilia collected over the years.

The event takes place in the town hall on tomorrow (Friday) from 7pm, and admission is £6 including refreshments.

Advance tickets are available from Welshpool Jewellers with proceeds going to the Welshpool 1940s Weekend and Bomber Command Memorial.

Concerns still remain at slow broadband speeds

Report by Jonny Drury

MID Wales has been revealed as having some of the slowest broadband speeds in the country.

And now Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies and Assembly Member Russell George are calling for those affected to be compensated.

The British Infrastructure Group report has listed the worst performing parliamentary constituencies in the UK for slow broadband connection speeds.

Seven of the top 10 are in Wales, with Montgomeryshire again in the list ranked in sixth place.

Mr Davies said the latest figures should act as a wake-up call to BT Openreach.

He said: "The situation is still appalling, and I think the poor speeds in Montgomeryshire are disgraceful."

"I was one of a number of MPs who have been unhappy about this in the past."

"I am hoping the publication of this report and the publicity around it will cause something to happen, it should act as a wake up call for BT."

In reaction to the report the Welsh Government have said there has been progress made in the availability of superfast broadband through its Superfast Cymru programme.

However, in June Mr George raised concerns about the superfast broadband scheme and how effective it is for his constituents.

Chat with police at the post office



PCSOs and post office staff launch the new scheme in Powys

POST offices are being used by police community support officers and spread safety messages.

The Adopt a Post Office scheme will see the Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Powys regularly visiting the sites at peak times, speaking with customers and members of staff to ensure strong links are maintained within communities.

Community surgeries will also be held and crime prevention advice leaflets and posters displayed.

Since April last year, a pilot scheme has been running at 12 post offices in the division – and it has proved so successful it is now being officially rolled out.

Dyfed-Powys Police Partnerships Inspector Stuart Eckley said: "Post Offices are key locations where members of the community, particularly the elderly and those living in rural areas, regularly visit."

"This makes them an ideal place in which we can interact with the public."

"The aim is to reach residents we might otherwise struggle to engage with."

Farmers are encouraged to apply for new grant

WELSH dairy farmers are being urged to apply for a new grant.

New funding from the Welsh Government will provide at least £750 per farmer to pay for a new milk recording contract or towards an existing contract.

The aim is to give farmers a clearer view of individual cow milk records to enable better management decisions and increased profitability.

Clare Jerman, chartered surveyor with Roger Parry and Partners, said: "It is clear that the Welsh Government are looking to change the way in which money is administered to farmers."

"This last 12 months has seen grant money become available to farmers in a number of different ways which benefit the farm by helping it become more profitable instead of direct payments. This emphasis on improving the business' profitability will surely help as we look to the future where direct payments are on shaky ground."

"Looking back to 2014 when the Welsh Government decided to move 15 per cent of the money from Pillar 1 (Direct Payments) to Pillar 2 (Rural Development funding), the maximum amount possible, it is about time farmers began to see some of this money."

The grant is available for milk recording contracts where samples for individual cows are taken at least four times a year, either by the farmer or assisted.

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Royal Oak china cabinet	£979	£369	£332	£647	SAVE 66%
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A COMMUNICATIONS company has vowed to bring high speed mobile internet to rural areas.

O2 has announced plans to bring its 4G service to Llanfair Caereinion near Welshpool, as well as improving its 2G and 3G coverage.

Work was scheduled to start this week.

Derek McManus, chief operating officer of Telefonica UK, said: "I'm delighted that O2 customers in Llanfair Caereinion will soon be able to experience faster mobile internet making everything easier when using their phone or tablet."

"They'll be able to stream high definition TV, shop on the go and use video calling. For our business customers, using 4G means they can be more effective and flexible."

Shed project is the topic of talk

A WOMEN'S Institute heard from the man who initiated the Men in Sheds project in Shropshire.

Tony Wilson talked about the organisation which encourages older men to get involved and make things to benefit the community when he gave a talk to Llanyblodwel and Porth-y-Waen WI.

The 'something interesting from your shed' was won by Margaret Hill and the flower competition was won by Mary Walpole who entered her lacecap hydraenga. The raffle was won by Pearl Morris. A ramble around Ellesmere is planned for Thursday next week, meeting at the car park by the Mere just before 6pm, and evening meal is booked at the White Lion in Whittington at 8pm.

September's meeting in the Memorial Hall will be a talk by Clive Ireland on mental health.

Railway workers' war effort to be recognised

Report by Jonny Drury

DESCENDANTS of people named on an Oswestry war memorial are being invited to attend an event to remember the part the Cambrian railway played in the First and Second World Wars.

The names of 53 former Cambrian railway employees are recorded on the company's Great War memorial, many of who were from Oswestry.

The memorial is situated in Cae Glas Park, and was on the station platform before it closed in 1966.

Families of those who served on the railway are invited to attend 'Cambrian at War' at the Cambrian station on Saturday.

Group spokesman David Owen said: "Since 2014 we have had a permanent exhibition in the booking office at Oswestry Station and each August hold an event to mark the centenary of the men killed that year."

"In 1917, 13 Cambrian men were killed, including some in the Passchendaele campaign."

A short memorial service will be held at noon and members of the public are most welcome to join us.

"In 2015 and 2016 we were delighted to welcome descendants of men we were remembering."

The Cambrian system played a major role in the Great War moving troops, coal for the fleet and timber for the munitions industry in addition to its day to day business.

It also played a part in the second war, transporting personnel and equipment to military bases, including Park Hall.

College to host multi-sports camps



Organiser of the college's multi-sports camp Benji Evans

NORTH Shropshire College will be holding Disability Multi-Sport Camps at the Walford Campus this summer.

The main aim of the camps are for young people, aged 14 or over with an intellectual and/or learning difficulty to get involved with sporting activities, have fun and socialise with their peers.

The camps are being organised in partnership with North Shropshire Special Olympics and other specialists, who will be delivering the activities. All of the sessions will be delivered by professionally trained staff members in a fun and safe environment. Among the many activities on offer are football, tennis, fencing, indoor rowing and many more to look forward to. The camps will be delivered from Monday to Thursday with all four camps running from 9.30am until 4pm.

Benji Evans, event organiser, said: "After the success of last year's sessions, we have built upon the key partnerships we established with the National Governing Bodies of Sport, as well as local sport teams that specialise in supporting people with a disability which provides good exit routes for people to join after the summer camps."

Restaurant is criticised by council in plans row

A RESTAURANT has been criticised for opening before gaining official planning permission.

Hayes Barn near Oswestry has expanded its bed and breakfast offer to include themed evenings and a street food style restaurant as well as Sunday lunch and afternoon tea.

But Oswestry Town Council has objected to the granting of planning permission.

Councillors have voiced concerns over possible pollution and traffic dangers.

At their recent planning committee members of the council agreed to write to Shropshire Council with its objections.

The councillors also called for the restaurant's planning application to be heard by councillors and not decided by planning officers at Shropshire Council under their delegated powers.

Councillor Rebecca Evans told the town council planning meeting: "This should be looked at as a retrospective planning application."

The town councillor added: "The restaurant has been open for about eight months."

Councillors said at the meeting that the entrance to the property was on a fast road.

After the meeting, Sophie Dillon, the owner of Hayes Barn, said that Shropshire Council was allowing the restaurant to open while the planning application was pending.

"We are in contact with planning officers," she said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mountain to climb for next bike ride

A CHARITY fundraiser is taking on his fifth cycling challenge in as many years in aid of the air ambulance.

Rod Evans from St Martins plans to swap his beloved road bike for a mountain bike and ride 300 miles over the Welsh mountains.

He said: "This is going to be a real challenge for me - I'd rather do 800 miles on a road bike.

"I've done four challenges but last time I had a bit of a close shave with cars getting a little bit too close, so I've gone out and bought myself a mountain bike.

"The training is going well so far and I've been going out on weekends up the hills in Llandegla."

To donate to his latest challenge, which includes taking on Europe's longest zip-wire, go to virginnmoneygiving.com/rodsroughandtumblezipwire

Old leisure centre unveils new look

A LEISURE centre has been given a major refurbishment thanks to a multi-million pound investment from the Welsh Government.

The money funded a new fitness suite and improved facilities at Chirk Leisure and Activity Centre, as well as a new reception area, cafe and car park.

Wrexham County Borough Council secured an interest-free loan from the Welsh Labour Government to refurbish leisure centres across the county.

Clywd South AM, Ken Skates, was invited to the ceremony to officially open the new facilities.

Mr Skates said he was delighted with the work.

Leading utility company unveils its new customer support vehicle

GAS emergency and pipeline service Wales & West Utilities has unveiled its latest customer service innovation - a customer support vehicle.

It will help customers on the rare occasions their gas supplies are interrupted and has been developed taking into account Wales & West Utilities experience at dealing with unforeseeable incidents, where customers are temporarily left without gas supplies.

Claire Edwards, Wales & West Utilities customer experience manager, said: "Our underground gas network is safe, secure and resilient, even in the worst of weather. But sometimes, issues outside our control like third party damage to our network can temporarily interrupt gas supplies to communities.

"Our customer support vehicle will help us make sure that on the rare occasion this happens, local people, particularly the most vulnerable in the community, have somewhere to get all the help and information they need.

"And while customers gas supplies will be interrupted without notice on average once in 40 years, it's only right that we prepare for that eventuality - to give our customers peace of mind that their needs are at the heart of everything we do." The vehicle, which will travel into the heart of communities, includes a table and comfortable seats, a toilet and a kitchen which contains hot water and microwave facilities. It is intended to



Wales and West Utilities staff members Richard Jones, Claire Edwards, Gemma Jones and Rob Downes with the new vehicle

be the first port of call for customers on the rare occasions gas supplies are interrupted. Wales & West Utilities was recently re-accredited by the Institute of Customer Service (ICS) as achieving its ServiceMark with Distinction. The company has suc-

cessfully demonstrated meeting the demanding national customer service standard, scoring considerably higher than the utility sector benchmark and more than sector leading companies like Amazon and John Lewis. The company is also the first gas network

to have been recognised for meeting requirements, in line with the existing British Standard 18477, for its work to help the most vulnerable.

Wales & West Utilities has a team of more than 1,000 trained and experienced engineers.

Concerns are voiced over alterations to services

MORE than half of the people responding to a Shropshire Council survey said the impact of changes to the authority's services have been for the worse.

The figures come in the latest findings of the council's annual "Big Conversation" survey, designed to assess the public's feelings about the performance and future of the authority.

Despite 53 per cent responding and saying the impact of service changes on their own or someone else's life has been for the worse, only 59 per cent reported actually noticing a change in what the authority provides, with 38 per cent of people believing that changes had a positive effect.

A total of 1,002 organisations and people responded to the survey.

The majority of respondents said they were happy with their local community, with 79 per cent satisfied with their local area as a place to live, and 77 per cent believing that their community was active and resourceful.

The result showed that 51 per cent of people do some sort of voluntary work, with 46 per cent having picked up litter and 29 per cent having organised a social activity in the community.

It was also found that 77 per cent said they eat well, 76 per cent stay active, and 68 per cent said they take steps to look after their mental and physical wellbeing.

The survey showed that opinion is divided over how well the council is doing in its work to make the economy more prosperous.

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Richard a hero for cyber work



Richard Jones accepts the Health Hero Award from Mark Brandreth, watched by his colleagues

AN IT technician who abandoned a family day out to co-ordinate Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's response to an international cyber attack has been named the recipient of the latest Health Hero Award.

Richard Jones was nominated for his award by colleague Olivia Thomas-Evans.

It was presented by chief executive Mark Brandreth.

The cyber attack made headlines around the world when it occurred in May this year. It involved ransomware called WannaCry which locked

Report by Jonny Drury

computers and demanded payment for them to be unlocked. The NHS was particularly badly hit, though there were incidents all across the globe.

Equipment at the hospital was not impacted, in part because of security measures already in place, but also because of the remarkable response of Richard and the whole IT team.

Olivia, an IT service desk operator, said: "As soon as Richard heard that there was a cyber attack on the

evening of Friday, May 12, he was in early and late every day to deal with it. He came in on the weekend and nobody even had to ask him.

"He had planned a family day out on the Saturday with his children and wife but instead Rich was here at the crack of dawn in the office working hard and making a plan of action to make sure we did not get affected by the cyber attack. He made sure that the trust was secure and ready. He pulled the team together and made sure all of us knew what we were doing first thing on Monday morning."

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Report flags up waiting times issue

WAITING times have increased at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, it has been revealed.

Figures discussed at the latest hospital board meeting indicated that the amount of time patients are waiting for treatment has increased.

Acting director of operations Nia Jones informed directors of one English patient having to wait over 52 weeks for treatment, however it was also indicated that the wait was down to their own choice. There were also five Welsh patients who were said to be waiting 52 weeks for treatment.

All the patients were within the hospital's spinal disorders service.

Miss Jones told the meeting that the area is one of known pressure for the hospital. Referral to treatment waiting times for June was 90.17 per cent, against the national target which is 92 per cent, which indicated a dip in performance, but it had been expected according to Miss Jones. Theatre activity levels were also discussed, and were 98 below the plan in June, which is 135 down overall for the quarter. However, 950 cases were still performed in June.

In the average month the hospital performs between around 800 to 1,100 cases. In the quarter, the total impact from cases per session in theatre being lost is at around £500,000 however if the trend continues it could rise to £1.7 million by the end of the year, but the meeting heard there plans are in place to make sure this is not the case.

Heron Foods taken over in £152m deal

FAMILY-RUN food retailer Heron Foods has been bought out in a deal worth £152 million.

The business, which currently employs 3,500 people, has been taken over by discount chain B&M Bargain.

B&M boss Simon Arora said the two brands will be maintained as standalone businesses and ensured there will be no job cuts.

Heron opened its first store in Hull in 1979 and now has more than 250 shops, including a base in Oswestry and Wellington.

Over the next 12 months they will look to open new stores and create an extra 200 jobs.

Mr Arora said: "The addition of a complementary, proven discount convenience grocery brand gives the combined business an even longer, exciting growth runway."

Heron Foods is currently managed and owned by Andrew, David and Michael Heuck.

Michael is retiring from the business as planned while Andrew and David remain in their existing trading and finance roles.

Investigation held over ward death

AN unexpected death on the spinal injuries ward of Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital is being investigated.

During a performance report given to the board of directors at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, directors were informed of the death earlier this year.

There was another death on the elderly ward but that was expected.

However another death recorded was one of a patient transferred from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Nottingham.

The report was given by director of nursing Bev Tabernacle who said a report was underway.

Steve White, medical director, insisted it was a thorough investigation.

Also during Mr White's report he said that four patients had suffered with blood clots after operations at the hospital recently.

£150k appeal launched to restore 'exquisite staircase'



The impressive Powis Castle at Welshpool has been a visitor attraction for generations

AN appeal has been launched for donations to restore a castle's crumbling staircase.

With the restoration of Powis Castle's east front now complete, the National Trust is turning its attention to one of the buildings most striking features.

The grand staircase is closed to the public because it is not strong enough to support the 150,000 visitors each year.

National Trust general manager for Powis

Castle, Emma Thompson, said: "We are doing amazing conservation work to restore the castle to how it would have appeared in earlier times.

"Experts have looked at the structure of the staircase and it appears it's not securely attached to the wall."

The work is set to cost in excess of £150,000 which isn't covered by the National Trust membership money.



An appeal has been launched to restore the castle's grand staircase

Mrs Thompson added: "Ornately carved and surrounded by exceptional works by the likes of Antonio Verrio and his pupil Gerard Langscoon, the staircase doesn't look like it needs repairing.

"However, it's not safe to walk on.

"We want visitors to be able to walk beyond the east front up to the half landing and possibly even all the way to the upper level of the castle, something we've been unable to share

with visitors since the building was donated to us.

"Donations, however large or small, will help to save this exquisite piece of history so that future visitors can experience even more of this unique Welsh treasure in its beautiful setting."

To donate or find out more about the grand staircase appeal visit nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-staircase-appeal, call 0344 800 1895 or or donate £3 by texting 'POWIS' to 70123.

National prize for Rebecca as hospital backs forces



Rebecca Warren, Col Heather Saunders, hospital chairman Frank Collins and chief executive Mark Brandreth and Vicky Law from the Cavell Trust



Maggie Durrant and Rebecca Warren with hospital chief executive Mark Brandreth

Report by Sue Austin

A WARD manager at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has been presented with a national award.

Rebecca Warren, who is in charge of the nursing team in the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries at the hospital, was announced as a winner at the prestigious Cavell Awards in June but was unable to attend the event as her grandfather was seriously ill.

Sadly, he has since died, and she dedicated the award in his memory when it was presented at a special ceremony at the hospital. The 34-year-old is an Army Reservist who serves as a Staff Sergeant in the 202 (Midlands) Field Hospital and won the Outstanding QARANC Reservist Clinical Professional Development Award.

Meanwhile, hospital bosses are showing their support for the military roles by signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant.

The move represents a pledge of support by the hospital to people who are serving in, or who have served in the armed forces.

It was signed at a special event when representatives from 202 (Midlands) Field Hospital visited the hospital to showcase their work.

Frank Collins, chairman of the hospital said: "In recent months we have built strong relationships with colleagues in the armed forces and seen the benefits that we can achieve by working together."

Rebecca Warren, Maggie Durrant, service improvement facilitator, Sharon Warren, a healthcare assistant at MCSI and Matt Wright, a theatres support worker, are all reservists working at the award-winning hospital.



Rebecca Warren has won a top national prize



Rebecca Warren is an Army Reservist and works at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital



Hospital bosses formally sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant

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Special Report

Praise offered by minister to staff for work

THE health secretary has congratulated hospitals in Shropshire for "exceptional improvement" on a test which judges whether visitors would recommend them to others.

The Friends and Family test has seen 96 per cent of people visiting Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust say they would recommend it to others.

The trust runs Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal Hospital.

They have now received a letter of congratulations from health secretary Jeremy Hunt.

Mr Hunt said: "The trust is a real example to others, demonstrating how to improve performance in a short space of time and ensure that your patients get the care that they deserve.

"From visiting organisations throughout the country, I know the immense amount of work that will have been behind this outcome cannot be underestimated.

"This improvement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the trust's staff.

"My congratulations to all those who work at the trust."

Reassurances over asbestos

ASBESTOS is present in both of Shropshire's main hospitals.

But hospital bosses insist it poses no danger and that buildings have been given a clean bill of health.

It comes amid claims by a group of specialist solicitors that the substance presents a 'serious risk'.

In a Freedom of Information request carried out by Dedicated Accident Solicitors, all responding NHS trusts stated that the asbestos was managed and was of no risk to patients or staff.

They found some trusts have already had to pay out large sums to compensate those who have been exposed.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust said no hospital employees or patients had pursued a claim against it for exposure to asbestos within the trust's hospital buildings. And it stressed that asbestos poses no risk as long as it is not disturbed.

Both Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital were inspected in November, December and January as per the annual re-inspection programme.

IVF restrictions are confirmed

COUPLES who want to have a baby in Shropshire are only eligible for one round of IVF – while across the border in Wales they are allowed two attempts.

NHS bosses in both Telford and Shropshire have confirmed they offer only one round of fertility treatment.

This is despite national guidelines recommending three attempts on the NHS and the fact that couples in Wales are allowed two.

Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire clinical commissioning groups revealed their policies amid controversy nationally about the postcode lottery for couples wanting fertility treatment.

Telford & Wrekin CCG said the limit allowed for increased access to NHS treatment and ensures that couples are treated in a timely manner. The group said there were no current plans to restrict further or halt the commissioning of IVF services.

Vulnerable helped to stay on at home

A SERIES of initiatives to ensure those in need of support can stay at home rather than in a nursing or care home has been launched by Shropshire Council.

The programmes form part of the sector's continuous commitment to place fewer people in care and hospital settings.

Future Fit process takes step forward amid fears public confidence has been lost

Report by Amy Downward

AFTER almost four years and countless delays, plans for the future of Shropshire's hospitals have taken a step forward.

But campaigners have said they have lost faith in the Future Fit process.

Health bosses have claimed that now is the time to move forward and that changes to services will protect the hospitals for future generations.

But people in Telford said they felt that the preferred option, put forward by health bosses, is financially motivated. A joint committee has now backed plans to downgrade A&E services in Telford in favour of one emergency and trauma department based in Shrewsbury.

Proposals include a new emergency centre

and women and children's services at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, while elective surgery, orthopaedics and specialist centres would be based in Telford. Proposals will now go out for public consultation as early as next month.

But at the Future Fit meeting held on Thursday last week a number of concerns were raised.

David Bell, of Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin, said the public had lost faith in the Future Fit system while Telford & Wrekin councillor Arnold England said "financial heads had lost out to financial hearts".

"It would cost £60 million less to site emergency care and women and children's at the Princess Royal Hospital," he said.

People living in Mid Wales have urged support for the preferred option, saying it is the best option for them, with a Telford emergency centre meaning long journeys for them and people in south Shropshire.

Before the meeting Councillor Joy Jones, from Newtown, said travelling on blue lights from Mid Wales was terrifying not just for those in the ambulance but the relatives following.

She added: "We are a long long way from Telford, we urge you to chose Shrewsbury." Members of the Future Fit joint committee

said they were planning for the next 25 years when there would be more elderly people and more with chronic illness in the region.

They say putting critical care on one site would help to attract more clinicians to the area.

David Evans of Telford and Wrekin CCG said 85 per cent of those using women's and children's services would continue to use the services closest to them.

Following the joint committee meeting, assurance will now be sought from local scrutiny boards and the NHS England assurance processes before the decisions go to public consultation. Public consultation is due to take place at the end of September or early October.

Hospitals make progress – but still work to be done

Report by Amy Downward

PROGRESS has been made at Shropshire's two main hospitals but further improvements need to be made, an inspection report has revealed.

A report by the Care Quality Commission said the trust which controls Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal has made improvements and is effective and caring. A total of 64 per cent of the areas inspected were rated as "good".

But long waiting times in A&E, a heavy reliance on agency staff and a lack of consultants and middle grade doctors contributed to the trust being given an overall "requires improvement" rating.

Warnings were issued when the hospitals were last inspected in 2014 and also given a "requires improvement" rating.

At the time inspectors had particular concerns about end of life care at RSH.

Since the last inspection, inspectors said they could see that the trust had made significant improvements in a number of areas. They also noted a positive change in culture among staff and leaders.

The trust's rating for providing effective services had also improved and was upgraded from "requires improvement" to "good".

The inspection found the trust's two emergency departments were experiencing continued pressure and a shortage of consultants and middle grade doctors meant that some patients had to wait too long for an initial clinical assessment.

The findings, following inspections in December and January, found the process for patients brought in by ambulance was inconsistent and unstructured and nursing staff vacancies were impacting on continuity of care.

In maternity services inspectors found that safety needed further improvement. Inspectors said a lack of regular postnatal ward rounds meant high risk postnatal women were not regularly reviewed.

However, there were areas of "outstanding practice" which inspectors highlighted.

They included the trust's Swan Scheme for bereaved families and the trust's partnership with the Virginia Mason Institute in the US – regarded as one of the safest hospitals in the world.

Inspectors invited back to see progress made



This graphic shows some of the findings of CQC inspectors following their latest visit. Picture: Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

GOVERNMENT inspectors are being invited back into Shropshire's two main hospitals to see the improvements made since their visits, a health boss has said.

Simon Wright, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said while he was pleased the CQC inspectors had recognised the improvements made at the trust, further work had taken place in the last six months since their visit.

He said: "We are keen to invite the CQC back in. The new regime means they come in every couple of months so we see them quite regularly.

"This means we can flip some of the rating from required improvement to good quicker.

"There has been a huge improvement in a two-year period and I think the staff deserve all the credit for that. They have done a fantastic job under hard circumstances.

I would have liked the inspectors to have recognised a little more the steps the organisation has taken. That hasn't translated into the formal report.

"The formal report feels a bit dry. It feels like it doesn't really capture some of the energy we have seen from our workforce in regards to their efforts to elevate the safety

and care we are able to give. The changes we have made are significant but it has not quite tipped us into the good yet. In two years what we have seen is from us going from having inadequate in the scoring – particularly around end of life – and a number of areas need improvement. What we have now moved to is the majority of areas are now rated as good and we have seen some significant movements.

"As we start to make improvements and create an environment of excellence then having the CQC coming back in and telling us we are doing well will be powerful and restore any confidence that has been lost over the years."

Shropdoc service looking to re-negotiate contracts

AN out-of-hours GP service is looking to re-negotiate its contracts with Shropshire's community health trust, saying it faces serious financial challenges.

A meeting is to be held between Shropdoc and Shropshire Community Health Trust, after the doctors' service said it was facing its most serious financial challenges in 21 years.

Dr Russell Muirhead, Shropdoc chairman, has written to GPs saying the service is costing far more than the money coming in. It says a number of posts have been lost and the chief

executive has also left by mutual consent. The contract sees Shropdoc provide out-of-hours GP care in community hospitals. While the hospitals will have a doctor on-site during working hours, from about 6.30pm to 8am, Shropdoc will provide a GP who could also be called out to provide care in the local area.

Dr Muirhead said that Shropdoc has had a long term agreement to provide the services, and signed a new contract with commissioners in September 2016, which the community aspect was outside. It has now triggered the

process to enable them to negotiate a more sustainable service.

He said: "Over the years the work load at the community units has increased and at the same time, the other out-of-hours service has increased so it is becoming difficult to balance those two services. The trigger will enable us to look at ways that we can continue to run both services equally well."

He said the main cost pressures came from the cost of services not being reflected in the value, which Shropdoc has been able to ad-

dress with other methods like trust subsidised, but also a number of GPs have been involved in a workforce project for urgent care which has created problems, though he said that is also looking better. Shropdoc is currently talking to all its commissioners and Dr Muirhead said they have been "very receptive and supportive". A spokesman for Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust said: "We are aware of the challenges that Shropdoc is facing, and we have a meeting set up to discuss the way forward."

Three bed farmhouse is perfect for the aspirational artisan

A three-bedroomed farmhouse, Ty Lawr, is linked to a renovated barn and is perfect for the aspirational artisan from author to artist.

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Nearby to the steading are five acres of meadow and woodland being a wonderful amenity and oasis for nature and satisfying source for sustainable fuel for the farmhouse and barn.

Agent Duncan Scobie of Balfours, who is marketing Ty Lawr, said: "This is a truly captivating Welsh borders farmhouse. It is private and secluded, but not isolated."

True to the territory as a former hill farm sitting 850 feet above sea level, Ty Lawr comes with fabulous views and walking country. During the past 35 years the owner has renovated and nurtured with sensitivity and understanding for the authenticity of the property retaining many features and huge character, added Duncan.

The farmhouse accommodation comprises of a porch to the living room, a kitchen/breakfast room, inner hall, sun room and shower room. There are three bedrooms on the first floor. The attached former barn can be used as a reception/studio, gallery study, with a basement workshop and stable/store utilising the topography of the hill.

The selling agents are expecting the sale of this unique property to generate a lot of interest among would-be buyers. Therefore, early viewings are being encouraged.

KEY FEATURES

Farmhouse & renovated barn

Three bedrooms

Close to Llangollen

Five acres of meadow/woodland

Workshop and stable/store

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£285,000



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Detached bungalow enjoys a large garden

LLANSANTFFRAID
£370,000

Maeswood at Llansantffraid is a spacious individual detached bungalow.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £370,000. It lies on the outskirts of the popular village, within walking distance of the village centre. Maintained to a high standard throughout, the spacious accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a breakfast room, a utility, a cloakroom, an inner hallway, bedroom four (currently used as a study), a further three double bedrooms (two en-suite) and a family bathroom. The property stands on an excellent plot with superb gardens to the front and rear, off road parking for several vehicles, a garage and a chalet/workshop. It has underfloor central heating and double glazing.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



Cottage is by the river and sits in a quiet village position

RUYTON-XI-TOWNS
£305,000 <<<

A semi-detached character riverside cottage set in a large plot with a central village position, Toad Cottage, Brownhill, Ruyton XI Towns, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £305,000.

The house has double glazing and central heating. There is a reception hall, cloakroom, two reception rooms, a kitchen and a utility. There are three bedrooms and a bathroom and en-suite. The property enjoys a large garden plot and there is ample parking and outbuildings.

The home is set well back from the main road and is approached over a gravelled drive providing ample car parking and turning area. There is a range of useful outbuildings including a summer house by the river.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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- Attractive Mid Terraced Property
- Central Village Location
- OCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Kitchen Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Walk-in Wardrobe
- Loft Room/Office
- Front And Rear Gardens
- On-Street Parking
- EPC Band - JJD978

£140,000

OSWESTRY



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- Reception Hall
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- Living Room
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- Attractive Victorian Semi-Det. Town House
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- Reception Hall
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Breakfast Room & Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Separate WC
- Front And Rear Gardens
- On Street Parking
- EPC Band - F

JJD966

GUIDE PRICE £134,950

LLANGYNOG



- Spacious Detached Dormer House
- Views Overlooking The Valley
- GFCH & DG
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Four Bedrooms (Master En Suite)
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GUIDE PRICE £455,000

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- Brand New Individually Designed Bungalow
- Quiet Location In Centre Of Village
- Under Floor Heating
- PVC Double Glazing
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen/Living Area
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom And En-Suite
- Enclosed Lawned Garden Area
- EPC Band - JJD932

GUIDE PRICE £212,500

OSWESTRY



- Four Bed. Period Town Property
- Dining Room And Lounge
- Kitchen And Utility
- Cloakroom And Snug
- Office Area And Snooker Room
- Second Floor Apartment
- Separate Ground Floor Bungalow
- Good Sized Rear Garden With Patio Area
- EPC Band - C

JJD923

GUIDE PRICE £475,000

ST. MARTINS



- Good Sized Four Bedroomed Detached House
- Central Village Location
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Four Beds (One En Suite)
- Large Enclosed Front Garden
- Ample Gravelled Parking Area
- Private Rear Yard
- EPC Band - D

JJD976

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- Reception Hall
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- Kitchen
- Utility/Garden Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Maintained Gardens
- Garage
- EPC Band - E

JJD974

GUIDE PRICE £167,500

OVERTON ROAD, NR. ST. MARTINS



- Spacious Detached Character Cottage
- Set Within Extensive Grounds
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Large Living Room
- Four Bedrooms (One En-Suite)
- Parking For Up To 6 Cars
- Large Garage
- Workshop/Annex
- EPC Band - F

JJD953

GUIDE PRICE £425,000

WEST FELTON



- Attractive Detached Country Cottage
- Quiet Country Lane Location
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- Cloakroom And Study
- Living Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Sun Room
- Garage And Ample Parking
- Approx. Half Acre Plot
- Large South Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Band - F

JJD927

GUIDE PRICE £289,950

OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached Bungalow Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Paved Rear Garden
- Solar Panels
- EPC Band - B

JJD939

GUIDE PRICE £139,950

OSWESTRY



- Attractive Bungalow Located In Quiet Cul De Sac
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH & DG
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Two Parking Spaces
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For more information call Duncan Scobie on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk



Country cottage in idyllic setting is beautifully presented

MOELFRE
£380,000 <<<

A beautifully presented three-bedroomed detached country cottage in an idyllic setting, Garreg Lwyd at Moelfre near Llansilin has been sympathetically renovated.

Being tastefully decorated and having stunning views towards the Berwyn Mountains and Moelfre Lake, it is for sale through Town & Country at £380,000.

The property is warmed by oil central heating and has double glazing. The gardens are lawned and shrubbed to the front and rear, with a barbeque and seating area ideal for entertaining.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a living room, a conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, one en-suite and a bathroom.

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41 Lloyd Street, Oswestry. Guide: £97,500

Mid-terraced town house offering scope for improvement. Gas-fired central heating. Two receptions, fitted kitchen. Three bedrooms. Enclosed yard and garden to rear. EPC rating: 66(D).

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Delfryn, Llanfair Caereinion. Guide Price. £100,000

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1 Garden Cottages, Llansantffraid
£155,000

Semi detached three bedroom house in a central village location. Lounge, kitchen/diner. Oil C/H, D/G. Paved rear yard area. Vehicular access available to the rear with three allocated parking spaces. No onward chain. EPC Rating: 84(B)

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Single Building Plot, Gobowen £50,000

Well located in the centre of this well served village of Gobowen. Full planning permission granted 13th April 2017 (17/00703/FUL) for a detached house. Construction to develop 112 sq meters of living accommodation affording 4 bedrooms, garden and garage. Low Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payable to local authority on commencement of development.

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18 High Fawr Close, Oswestry
£295,000

Spacious detached 4 bedroom house. Kitchen/breakfast room including appliances. Gas C/H. D/G. Large attic room over garage. L-shaped lounge/diner. Enclosed rear gardens, large drive and hardstanding to the fore. EPC Rating = 58(D). No onward chain.

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Little Wootton Barn, Queens Head
£400,000

Spacious 5 Bedroom L-shaped converted barn. "Schuller" fitted kitchen & breakfast room. 3 receptions. Large conservatory. One double & one single garage & a detached timber built double stable block. Oil C/H. G/floor bedroom with en-suite bathroom. EPC Rating = 51(E)

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£189,950

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NEW



**Rowan Close
Gobowen** £159,995

- An well appointed 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Situated within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Well maintained front and rear garden together with off road parking
- Gas central heating and hardwood double glazing.
- EPC Rating D (65)

NEW



**Croeswylfan Lane
Oswestry** £615,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase one of the most prestigious houses in Oswestry
- An imposing Edwardian home set in generous and elevated grounds
- Host of original features yet offers spacious and flexible living accommodation.
- Three main reception rooms are linked by folding doors and opens onto the terraced gardens.
- Snug, kitchen with associated pantry and a ground floor study
- Master Bedroom Suite, large En-suite & Dressing Room opens onto balcony
- The Guest Bedroom with separate En-suite
- Three other Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Shower Room.
- Large well-maintained gardens with a raised terrace
- A purpose built Double Garage and a variety of outbuildings



**Thornhurst Avenue
Oswestry** £180,000

- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a quiet residential location on the fringe of the town centre
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Side Porch/Lobby
- 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom and Conservatory
- Beautifully presented gardens to the front and rear, garage
- Recently surfaced resin bound driveway providing ample off road parking
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing EPC Rating D (75)



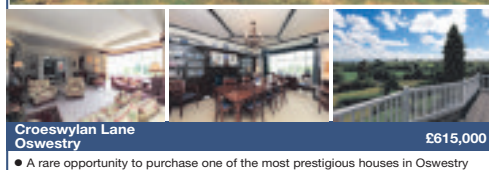
**Building Plot
Chirk Bank** £74,995

- An excellent residential development opportunity located in the picturesque village of Chirk Bank extending to 0.04 acres or thereabouts with outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling
- The site is located within walking distance of the Shropshire Union Canal



**Hawthorn Close
St Martins** £124,995

- Recently redecorated and recarpeted 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Situated within walking distance of the popular village of St Martins
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Utility
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Excellent plot with good size rear garden and parking
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D (63)
- NO CHAIN



**Moors Lane
St Martins** £310,000

- An immaculately presented 3/4 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Situated in a quiet area, with immediate proximity to Shropshire Union Canal
- Period character features including inglenook fireplace and beamed ceilings
- Ent Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Reception Room, Shower Room, Kitchen and Utility
- On the first floor there are 2 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Good size gardens and ample off road parking
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D (55)



**Brookfield
Close** £79,995

- A beautifully presented 1 Bed Leasehold Apartment
- Maintained to a high standard
- Ent Hall, Inner Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with decked area
- One allocated parking space
- Modern electric heaters & uPVC D/G



Llansantffraid £370,000

- Individual Detached 4 Bedroom Bungalow situated on the outskirts of the popular village of Llansantffraid
- Maintained to a high standard
- Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloaks
- Inner Hallway, Bedroom 4 (currently used as a study)
- Further 3 Double Bedrooms (2 en-suite) and Family Bathrm
- Excellent plot with superb gardens to the front and rear
- Off road parking, garage and chalet/workshop
- Oil fired underfloor C/H & D/G. EPC Rating D (62)



Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant £450,000

- A stunning Grade II Listed Farmhouse
- Situated in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley
- Reception Hall; Music Room; Sitting Room; Dining Room
- Kitchen Lounge; Kitchen; Utility Room; Rear Lobby; Pantry
- Coal House; Gallery Landing; Loft Storage Room; Integral Garage
- Gun Room; Cellar; 5 First Floor Bedrooms; Family Bathroom; 5 Attic Rooms
- Large Gardens; Orchard/Paddock.



**Bypass Road
Gobowen** £166,995

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Pantry, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Off road parking and a garden to front
- Yard area and large workshop to rear
- uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H.
- Gas Rating E (47). No Chain



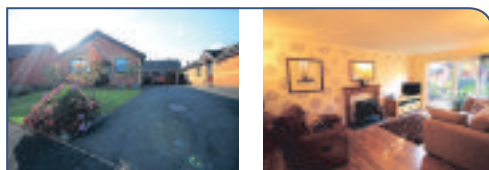
**Jemmett Close
Oswestry** £99,995

- A well appointed 2 Bed 1st Floor Apartment
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Rm
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Shower Rm
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating
- Private grounds communal gardens
- Off road parking & views over adjoining fields



**Trefonen Road
Oswestry** £305,000

- Superb Detached Family Residence situated in one of Oswestry's premier locations
- Views over Maes Y Lan Playing Fields and the Shropshire Plain beyond
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with large Dining Area
- Utility, Cloakroom and Dining Room/Bedroom 4
- 3 excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and luxury Bathroom
- Good size plot with front & rear gardens, ample off road parking and garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D. NO CHAIN



**Heather Bank
Gobowen** £167,500

- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated close to the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- Maintained to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- An enclosed rear garden, driveway and single garage
- uPVC D/G and new gas boiler have been recently installed
- EPC Rating D (66)



**Oakwood Grange
Morda** £249,950

- BRAND NEW - Oakwood Grange is a small residential development on the edge of the popular village of Morda being just over 1 mile from the market town of Oswestry.
- There are only two spacious 4 bedroom detached houses with garage available
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Gas central heating and double glazing will be installed as standard
- All properties will be completed to the highest specification and will have the benefit of a 10 year warranty.



**Castle Street
Oswestry** £99,995

- Deceptively spacious and immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Terrace House
- Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hall & Bathrm
- 2 Bedrooms & further Attic Room
- Rear garden with patio & lawned areas
- Gas C/H & partial D/G, EPC Rating D (64)
- An ideal 1st Time or Investment purchase



**Ashlands Road
Weston Rhyn** £114,995

- A well presented 2 Bedroom Modern House
- Situated close the centre of the popular village of Weston Rhyn
- Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Off road parking for 2 vehicles.
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- EPC Rating B (82)



**Church View
Hadnall** £299,995

- PART EXCHANGE OR HELP TO BUY IS AVAILABLE (Help to Buy Price £239,000)
- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom detached home situated in the popular village of Hadnall close to the Market Town of Shrewsbury.
- Open plan Kitchen and Dining area
- Ideal for entertaining, Utility & Cloaks.
- Spacious Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and En-suite
- 3 further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garage and Driveway.



**Hampton Rise
Oswestry** £335,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated within a desirable established residential location
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Utility
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Driveway and double garage
- Oil central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating D (60)
- NO CHAIN



**Waterfall St
Llanrhaeadr Ym** £110,000

- 2 Bedroom End Terrace
- Ent Hall, Lounge Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down to river
- Off road parking to the side
- D.G and Electric Storage Heater
- EPC Rating F. NO CHAIN



Truly stunning detached home in sought after village

KINNERLEY
£295,000

A truly stunning detached family home, 38 Coly Anchor, Kinnerley, lies in a quiet position in a highly sought after village. It is for sale through Town & Country at £295,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a covered porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility, guest WC, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. In more detail the entrance hall has oak flooring, stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard.

The lounge has oak flooring and an Arrow cast iron burning stove inset with a tiled hearth and brick inset. There is a square bay window to the front and the lounge opens onto the dining area. Being beautifully appointed, the kitchen/dining room has a range of modern gloss fronted base and contrasting wall units with oak worktops over, a one and a half bowl Franke sink, eye level double Indesit electric



oven, ceramic induction hob, a chimney style extractor fan over, integrated Indesit dishwasher, integrated fridge/freezer, porcelain tiled flooring and a spotlighting, contemporary radiator. The dining area has porcelain tiled flooring and French doors to the rear garden, a contemporary radiator, breakfast bar and spotlighting. The utility has porcelain tiled flooring, a further sink, extractor fan, spotlighting, plumbing for a washing machine and a part glazed door to the rear garden. A door leads to the guest WC. Upstairs, all the doors are finished in oak with polished chrome handles. The spacious master bedroom has a recessed area leading to the en suite, a square bay window to the front and an en-suite. Bedroom two overlooks the rear. Bedroom four is L-shaped and again has views over the rear. The family bathroom features a luxury suite.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



Beautiful converted barn offers spacious accommodation

QUEENS HEAD
£400,000 >>>

A beautiful L-shaped converted barn having spacious accommodation, Little Wootton Barn at Queens Head, Oswestry comes with five bedrooms, three bathroom/en-suites and a guest WC.

Also having three reception rooms, large conservatory and a kitchen/breakfast room with a oil-fired Aga range, it is for sale through Morris, Marshall & Poole at £400,000. It also has one double and one single garage and a detached timber built stable block with two stables. With a courtyard approach, this property has double glazing and gas central heating.

A stepped approach off the drive leads to the landscaped gardens which comprise paved hard-standing and raised shrub and floral borders.

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Stunning farmhouse with superb views and large grounds

LLANRHAEADR
£450,000 <<<

Clynog, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000.

The property is situated on the outskirts the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr. The village itself has a good range of local amenities. In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

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Raise Your Glass as Pink heads to



The big decision for headliner Pink won't be what to include in her main stage set at V. It'll be what to leave out.

The seller of about 50 million albums and winner of three Grammys, one Brit, a Daytime Emmy and six MTV Video Music Awards has been working on her upcoming seventh album, *Beautiful Trauma*, which is out in October.

And when it comes to choosing her set list, she'll have to choose from six albums and 35 singles.

The hit-maker has scored some of the most important singles of the 2000s, including *Get The Party Started*, *Who Knew*, *So What*, *Raise Your Glass*, *Perfect*, *Try*, *Just Give Me A Reason* and *Just Like Fire*.

She has become increasingly successful throughout her career and her most recent studio album, *The Truth About Love*, was a number one in the USA, Canada, across Europe and in New Zealand.

It was released five years ago and looked at love, relationships, feminism, sexual prowess and social exclusion. She collaborated with Eminem, Lily Allen and Nate Ruess, from American band Fun.

A huge world tour followed, taking Pink through America, Australia and Europe.

She has since had a second child – a son, Jameson, to go with her daughter Willow – and enjoyed time at home with her husband, Carey Hart, the professional motocross racer. The singer, described as the most trailblazing artist of her generation, lists Madonna and Janis Joplin as her two biggest heroes and she in turn has inspired Katy Perry, Kesha and Rihanna.

She has also acquired a new hobby, cultivating an organic vineyard in southern California after visiting leading wineries around the world. She describes her passion for wine as her "dirty little secret" and says she started by taking online courses.

After that, she learned about pruning vines by taking her Beck album, listening to it through earphones and spending days pruning. Pink says she loved the ability to work for eight hours with nature and pruning quickly became her favourite thing.

She developed her 25-acre estate, which includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Grenache and Grenache Blanc. Her love of wine, however, has been a long-term thing. When she burst onto the scene at the end of the 1990s, her rider would include a bottle of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

She told *Decanter* magazine: "When I made my [first] rider, I was 20 and I just put Châteauneuf-du-Pape on there because that was the wine that made me love wine."

Since then, when she's been travelling the world, she's visited some of the best wineries that there are. She admits she doesn't know too much about English wine – but is hoping to try a little after she headlines V.

Earlier this year, Pink teamed up with Sia to release a new song, *Waterfall*. They worked with Norwegian songwriters Stargate on the track. Stargate have

Time to think Pink as the US superstar headlines one of the top festivals



previously written hits for Beyonce, Rihanna and Fifth Harmony.

Pink works hard to stay out of the Hollywood bubble and she has been a formidable campaigner for women's rights. On social media and in interviews, she has lashed out at body shamers and lambasted those who are judgemental about women's figures.

At the BMI Pop Awards, she said: "I don't take well to bullying. I never have. I'm not a person that will be bullied. I'm not a person that will stand by watching other people bullied."

"I am a girl, I have feelings and people think I'm tough, tougher than nails, but I'm a human being."

"I think people have gotten it wrong. They think their opinion matters and holds weight and I don't know where or why they're giving themselves so much credit, you know?"

"So I thought it was important for me to remind them that I don't care. My life is full, I like food a lot and I really like to cook, I like to live, I find joy in that and were doing alright in the Hart household."

Pink has been lauded by critics for being that rarest of creatures – a true artist.

While other stars have been criticised for oversinging, being unable to sing or being vocal lightweights, Pink has maintained a brilliant career by being an authentic, powerhouse vocalist.

One of the singers on whom she had the greatest impact was Adele, who saw her as a teenager on the

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Missundaztood tour, at Brixton Academy. Adele rated it as one of the defining moments of her life and said: "I had never heard, being in the room, someone sing like that live. I remember sort of feeling like I was in a wind tunnel, her voice just hitting me. It was incredible."

SUPERBOWL

Adele isn't the only one to credit Pink's work as being inspirational – she's also loved by Demi Lovato, Kelly Clarkson, Taylor Swift and more.

Pink has also rushed to the defence of other female stars, including Lady Gaga who was criticised for copying her Super Bowl performance by 'flying' through the air.

She took to Instagram using the hashtag #womensupportingwomen to support Lady Gaga and wrote: "Her voice was powerful and beautiful, her outfits were on point, choreography stellar, her heart was in it and she sang about love and inclusiveness, all in front of millions and millions of people."

Pink will be doing something similar this weekend – her fans can't wait.

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Auction will highlight best of the county

Shrewsbury-based fine art auction house Halls is hoping to attract a wide range of antique entries for a 'Made in Shropshire' sale later this year.

The company, which has purpose-built salerooms at Battlefield, Shrewsbury, is repeating the auction, which was held with great success in October, 2014, on November 22. Already consigned are more than 100 lots of Caughley porcelain, which represents the second part of an important collection assembled by Caughley Society president, the Rev Maurice Wright and his wife, Janet, who live near Shrewsbury. The first part sold for £72,000 in April, with the top price

of £3,700 going to an "exceptionally important" mask-head jug dated 1790 which was printed in blue on both sides with a 'Severn Trow' passing underneath the Shropshire Ironbridge with an angler in the foreground. The auction could also include Coalport and other ceramics made in the county, Coalbrookdale ironwork and bronze, tiles from Maw and Co and Craven Dunnill and Merrythought teddy bears. Caroline Dennard, Halls' European ceramics and militaria specialist, who is organising the auction, said she would love to see rare coins made by the Shrewsbury Mint, Shropshire specific inscribed silver and jewellery, sporting trophies and medals

and items related to wartime poet Wilfred Owen, Clive of India and Lord Hill. Other items on the wanted list are oak furniture, including Shropshire and Minsterley style dressers, militaria related to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry regiment and medals awarded to Shropshire servicemen and servicewomen. Paintings by Shropshire artists including John Alford (pictured), Shropshire hunting prints and maps, clocks by the likes of William Hay of Shrewsbury and J. B. Joyce and Co, Whitchurch, items related to the Sentinel Waggon Works, Shrewsbury, stoneware flaggons from the county's micro breweries and old enamel signs can also be entered.



Coming soon...

Fancy a role in pantomime?

Auditions are being held for talented girls from across Shropshire who want to appear in a top class pantomime.

The auditions are being held to find talented youngsters to appear in Theatre Severn's pantomime this year.



In partnership with Evolution Pantomimes, Theatre Severn will hold open auditions for the junior female ensemble to join the cast of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The open audition will take place on September 12.

The open audition will take place at the theatre in Shrewsbury with registration at 4pm.

In order to audition, applicants must be aged between nine and 15 years old inclusive on September 1.

They must also be under 5ft 4.

The audition will take approximately two hours but participants may be required to stay later if successful.

All potential applicants have been advised that full commitment is required for the pantomime from the rehearsal period to the full run of the performances from November 17 to January 7, 2018.

The pantomime itself will open on November 29 and runs until January 7, 2018.

Further information about the auditions is available on the venue website www.theatresevern.co.uk and via the Box Office 01743 281281.

Landmark to be celebrated

It's been an iconic landmark for 150 years, known by many holiday makers from Oswestry and Welshpool.

And now a whole weekend is to be dedicated to celebrate its enduring charm.

Fireworks and lasers will fire over Barmouth Bridge as part of events organised by the local town council.



The celebration will be held on the weekend of October 14 to 15.

It is set to bring thousands of people to the resort, a favourite for Shropshire people and West Midlanders for generations.

The themed laser and firework extravaganza will be centred on the harbour and bridge on the Saturday night, organisers have said.

A council spokeswoman said: "The structure is a truly outstanding example of 19th century engineering and provides a platform to enable stunning views from the viaduct itself while at the same time being an integral part of the beautiful scene framed by the Cader Idris mountain range and underlined by the Mawddach estuary.

"It is an anniversary to be celebrated, and we hope that residents and visitors from far and wide will take part in the events held over the weekend."

Opened in 1867, Barmouth Bridge is Grade II listed.

It has one of the longest timber viaducts still in regular use in Britain.

Stars to say 'Allo at event

Some of the original cast of hit TV comedy 'Allo 'Allo will open a new event. The Battle Reenactment Throughout the Ages event will take place at Hadley Park, Whitchurch, on Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Gibson, who played Herr Otto Flick, Kim Hartman, who played Private Helga Geerhart, and Guy Siner, who played Lieutenant Hubert Gruber, will all be making an appearance at the event.

They will be mixing with local history enthusiasts (pictured). As well as opening the event, the TV stars will be on site all weekend, playing scripts from the TV show. There will be more than 150 vehicles at the event, including army tanks, trucks and Jeeps. Various military encampments depicting historically accurate equipment and men will also entertain visitors.

There will also be medieval jousting, an RAF fly past showing Second World War planes, bar, 1940s band and a large number of stalls that will match the periods depicted. The event will run from 10am to 5pm on both days and tickets cost £5 for adults and £2 for children.



Truck show to take place at showground

Trucking Live Shropshire is set to become a major attraction when it returns to Oswestry Showground on September 23-24.

Appealing to enthusiasts and families alike, Trucking Live Shropshire will feature trucks on show and for sale, club displays, action arena, trade stands, celebrity guests and more.

A traditional fairground, dodgems and a supersize bouncy castle offers fun for all the family and will keep the kids busy all day long.

More than 100 trucks are expected to join the display including club displays, painted supertrucks, American Big Rigs, fleet displays, classic and vintage vehicles and many more weird and wonderful trucks for visitors to admire.

For those visitors looking for high octane action, a pit-stop at the Main Arena should be on the cards.

This year you can see James Smyth's motorbike and quad stunt show - pure adrenaline pumping entertainment.

Not to forget the family friendly fun fair with a whole host of rides suitable for all ages.

Alongside all this will be traders from up and down the country including manufacturers displaying their latest models, autojumble retailers and trade stands selling all manner of items from including models, tools, gifts, food and more.

The cult-classic Red Dwarf and Coronation Street star turned radio DJ, Craig Charles will be joining Trucking Live this year.

Craig Charles became a household name in 1988 with his performance in the BBC Sci-Fi comedy Red Dwarf as the last survivor of the human race, Dave Lister. Craig will be on site on the Saturday to talk to the crowd and answer any questions you might have.

Actor Craig Charles will be at the truck event



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British Foreign Secretary in August 1914, "The lights are going out all over Europe" Chris formed the organisation "Lights Out Trefonen" and organised a ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. He was recently successful with a Heritage Lottery bid to create a Blue Plaque countryside trail that will take walkers past the houses of those who died from the area. This will also be accompanied by a book, maps and leaflets.

Lights Out Trefonen now has major plans for November 2018 when the

centenary of both the war poet Wilfred Owen's death and Armistice Day will be commemorated with a week-long festival in Oswestry. The festival will incorporate music, drama, poetry, the lighting of beacons and the unveiling of a lifesize bronze statue to Wilfred Owen in Cae Glas Park.

The festival will also form part of "Wilfred Owen 100 days" a Shropshire-wide initiative that will see events staged across the county from August to November 2018.

For more information on Lights Out Trefonen's work visit www.trefonen.org.

* ONE of the country's best loved harmonising groups will be back on stage in Shrewsbury later this year.

G4 will be performing songs from their brand-new album G4 Love Songs, which released in February, when they appear at Theatre Severn. The new album features songs including Your Song, Amigos Para Siempre and I'd Do Anything For Love. The group will be joined by some special guests live on stage including soprano Mary-Jess, winner of the Chinese 'X Factor' and singer of the Downton Abbey theme, Oli Nezz, who is an internationally-renowned multi-instrumentalist, Sorrelli Strings, a critically-acclaimed string trio and a local choir.

The multi-platinum selling vocal harmony group will be on stage on September 28.

* PREPARATIONS are continuing for the Lights Out Trefonen events for November 2018. Residents in the village near Oswestry have already held commemorations and commissioned a new memorial. A total of 31 red poppies, one for each person from the village who died during the war, stand on the old pit mound.

Recently the Borderland Rotary Club in Oswestry welcomed Chris Woods, one of the leading lights in the project, to a meeting. He told of his own family's involvement in the First World War, which inspired him to research the stories of the 31 people commemorated on the Trefonen war memorial. Based on a famous quote on the eve of war from the

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Pointless Celebrities

7.20pm
David Coulthard, Mark Webber, Allan McNish, Claire Williams, Murray Walker, Nigel Mansell, Christian Horner and Suzi Perry take part in a Formula One-themed edition of the quiz.



Proms Extra

6.50pm
Roderick Williams, Hannah Kendall and Katie Derham revisit Proms performances of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, Beethoven's Eroica and Passages, by Ravi Shankar and Philip Glass.



Catchphrase

7.15pm
Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. Last in the series.



Britain at Low Tide

7pm
Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands visit Essex to investigate the earthwork remains of a Tudor fort, and spot a First World War German U-boat stranded in a creek. Last in the series.



Football on 5: The Championship

9pm
Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield United v Barnsley and Aston Villa v Norwich City.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Live. Comedian Milton Jones joins Matt Tebbutt in the studio this week, to sample dishes prepared in the kitchen by chefs Jordan Bourke and Bryn Williams. Sam Caporn selects the wines.
11.30	Nadiya's British Food Adventure. Nadiya Hussain takes a culinary road trip across Yorkshire. (R)
12.00	Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches.
1.00	BBC News; Weather.
1.15	Bargain Hunt. Two teams compete in Edinburgh. (R)
2.15	Money for Nothing. Sarah Moore salvages items in Greater Manchester and Surrey. (R)
3.15	Escape to the Country. Seeking a home in the North Wessex Downs area of southern England.
4.00	Final Score. A round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.15	FILM: Toy Story (1995). A jealous toy cowboy vies with a charismatic hi-tech astronaut figure for their owner's attention. Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Don Rickles.
6.30	BBC News.
6.40	Midlands Today; Weather.
6.45	Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. New series. The former Strictly Come Dancing judge hosts a lyrical game show, in four celebrities help a pair of would-be poets battle through four rhyme-based challenges.
7.20	Pointless Celebrities. David Coulthard, Mark Webber, Allan McNish, Claire Williams, Murray Walker, Nigel Mansell, Christian Horner and Suzi Perry take part in a Formula One-themed edition of the quiz. (R)
8.05	Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know about a given subject.
8.45	Casualty. New series. Part one of two. Dylan finds himself becoming emotionally involved in the plight of two Sudanese orphans as he and a team of Holby medics help migrants in France.
9.35	Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)
10.05	BBC News; National Lottery Update.
10.25	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the latest Premier League, including Swansea City v Manchester United at the Liberty Stadium and Stoke City v Arsenal at the bet365 Stadium.
11.50	People Just Do Nothing. New series. The spoof documentary going behind the scenes at pirate radio station Kurrup FM returns, as a rival station emerges, and Grindah spirals out of control.
12.20	FILM: Tron: Legacy (2010). A man searching for his father is sucked into a computer-generated world and must compete in gladiatorial combat. Sci-fi adventure, starring Jeff Bridges.
2.15	Weather for the Week Ahead.
2.20	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.00	Coast. Nick Crane and the Coast team find out why so many people still holiday at the beach. (R)
7.00	FILM: Return of the Bad Men (1948). Western, starring Randolph Scott.
8.30	FILM: Great Day in the Morning (1956). Western, with Robert Stack.
10.00	Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in Cheshire, Milton Keynes and Streatham. (R)
11.00	Ulster Derby Highlights.
12.00	Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen. The duo rear three breeds of pig. Last in the series. (R)
1.00	Wanted Down Under. A single mother considers making a fresh start in Australia with her family. (R)
1.45	FILM: Forbidden Planet (1956). Sci-fi drama, starring Walter Pidgeon.
3.20	Mastermind. Specialist subjects include Clint Eastwood. (R)
3.50	University Challenge. St Edmund's College, Cambridge, takes on Magdalen College, Oxford. (R)
4.20	Only Connect. A team of environmentalists takes on a trio of escapologists. (R)
4.50	Gardeners' World. Advice on how to keep crops coming up to the end of autumn. (R)
5.50	The Big Family Cooking Showdown. Competitive food show, presented by Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain. (R)
6.50	Proms Extra. Roderick Williams, Hannah Kendall and Katie Derham revisit Proms performances of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, Beethoven's Eroica and Passages, by Ravi Shankar and Philip Glass.
7.30	Welcome to Edinburgh. Kirsty Wark investigates how the idealism and bravura of Edinburgh Festival has been maintained since the event's 1947 debut.
8.00	Iolo's Great Welsh Parks. Iolo Williams explores Margam Country Park on the outskirts of Port Talbot, which feature lakes and mature woodland with three species of deer and 11 species of bats.
8.30	Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring devises a cunning new way of foiling Hitler's invasion plans – but it results in Pike getting trapped in the middle of a minefield. (R)
9.00	FILM: The Lady in the Van (2015). The true story of Alan Bennett's friendship with an eccentric homeless woman, whom he befriended before allowing her to park her van outside his Camden home. Starring Maggie Smith.
10.40	Being Alan Bennett. Cameras follow the author during key moments of his 75th year, revealing the apparent contradictions in his personality as he performs civic functions and prepares his new play. (R)
11.40	FILM: The History Boys (2006). Two conflicting teachers take different approaches to mentoring eight boys preparing to take their Oxbridge exams. Comedy drama, with Richard Griffiths and Stephen Campbell Moore.
1.30	FILM: Henry V (1989). The English king leads his armies into battle to reclaim control of France. Adaptation of Shakespeare's historical play, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh.
3.40	This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids 6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids 6.20 Sooty 6.30 Signed Stories: Share a Story 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Oddbods 7.05 Oddbods 7.15 Super 4 7.25 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go ITV News.
8.25	Weekend. With guests Sarah Hadland, Anthony Horowitz, Gareth Thomas and Jerry Williams.
8.30	Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
9.25	Gok's Lunchbox. Three contenders are tasked to rustle up a lemon sole dish. (R)
10.20	1000 Heartbeats. Quiz show, hosted by Vernon Kay, in which contestants' pulses are monitored and they must complete seven rounds before their hearts beat 1,000 times to win the jackpot. (R)
11.15	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.15	The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
1.25	Joanna Lumley's Postcards. The actress recalls her journeys, beginning with her trip along the Nile. (R)
1.55	Tipping Point. Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show, in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R)
3.00	Midsomer Murders. Barnaby and Jones find themselves forced to dip into the annals of Broughton village after a traditional contest pitting men against women results in two deaths. (R)
5.00	Little Big Shots USA. More youngsters show off their talents, including a seven-year-old theatre critic.
6.00	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.05	ITV News and Weather.
6.20	You've Been Framed! Bounces Back! Harry Hill narrates more hilarious hijinks, applying his unique brand of satirical commentary to video submitted by viewers at home. (R)
7.15	Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. Last in the series.
8.00	FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012). A gifted teenager gains superhuman powers while investigating his dead parents' past. Comic-book adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone.
10.35	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.50	FILM: The World Is Not Enough (1999). James Bond is assigned to protect an oil heiress from an infamous terrorist planning to destroy a pipeline. Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle and Sophie Marceau.
1.10	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	The Hungry Sailors. Dick and James Strawbridge continue their journey along the south-west coast as they arrive in Looe, Cornwall. (R)

Channel 4	
6.15	Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. Action from the Brands Hatch GP Circuit.
6.45	Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. Action from the ultra-triathlon staged in Pembrokeshire.
7.40	Everybody Loves Raymond. Robert takes Debra out dancing. (R)
8.05	Everybody Loves Raymond. Robert and Amy get back together. (R)
8.30	Frasier. Niles throws a house-warming party. (R)
9.00	Frasier. Niles throws a house-warming party. (R)
9.30	The Big Bang Theory. The gang runs into Penny's old boyfriend Zack. (R)
10.00	The Big Bang Theory. (R)
10.25	The Big Bang Theory. Leonard's recently divorced parents come to town. (R)
10.55	The Simpsons. With the guest voice of Dolly Parton. (R)
11.25	The Simpsons. Homer befriends a group of holidaying celebrities. (R)
11.55	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. A Brooklyn man struggling to run two adjacent restaurants. (R)
12.50	Four in a Bed. The competition kicks off at Abertay Guest House in Dundee. (R)
1.25	Four in a Bed. A visit to The Registry Guest House in Peterculter, near Aberdeen. (R)
1.55	Four in a Bed. The third day of the competition takes place at The Albert, Scarborough. (R)
2.30	Four in a Bed. The week's competition concludes at the Wellwood in Armbie. (R)
3.00	Four in a Bed. The B&B owners meet for the last time. (R)
3.35	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. A Nottingham couple look for a house in the south of Costa Blanca. (R)
4.35	Big House, Little House. Two couples with very different budgets attempt to renovate their kitchens.
5.35	Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. Head-to-head property show with Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer. (R)
6.30	Channel 4 News.
7.00	Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands visit Essex to investigate the earthwork remains of a Tudor fort, and spot a First World War German U-boat stranded in a creek. Last in the series. (R)
8.00	Child Genius: The Final. The five finalists demonstrate their knowledge of degree-level specialist subjects, before the two with the highest scores battle to decide this year's winner. Last in the series.
9.00	FILM: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013). The victor in a televised battle to the death returns to the arena to face other past champions. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth.
11.50	FILM: X-Men (2000). Mutant outsiders with strange powers fight to defend mankind from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart.
1.35	The Windsors. (R)
2.05	Hollyoaks.
4.10	Location, Location, Location. (R)
5.05	Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake!: Poppy Cat 6.10 Little Princess 6.25 The Mr Men Show 6.35 Milkshake! Monkey 6.40 Simon 6.45 Peppa Pig 6.50 Wissper 7.00 Paw Patrol 7.10 Bob the Builder 7.20 Fireman Sam 7.35 Olly the Little White Van 7.40 Olly the Little White Van 7.45 Paw Patrol 8.00 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.25 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.45 Floogals 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.15 Shimmer and Shine 9.30 Digby Dragon 9.50 Peppa Pig 9.55 Peppa Pig 10.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 10.15 Wanda and the Alien
10.25	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R)
10.50	FILM: Igor (2008). Animated comedy, with the voice of John Cusack.
12.25	Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring dogs. (R)
1.20	Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. A grandmother who set up a charity to rescue and re-home canines. (R)
2.20	Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R)
3.15	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. Property developer Alex calls in an eviction specialist. (R)
4.15	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R)
5.10	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)
6.05	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)
7.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul Bohill and Phil Short must deal with a negligent tenant who fled upon their arrival, while Brian O'Shaughnessy and Kevin Stokes chase a debt of £5,000. (R)
8.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Stewart and Elmore face the most challenging eviction of their careers, while Brian and Del chase £2,000 worth of debt owed by a business based in Kent. (R)
8.55	5 News Weekend.
9.00	Football on 5: The Championship. Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield United v Barnsley, Aston Villa v Norwich City, and Sunderland v Leeds United.
10.00	Football on 5: Goal Rush. Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, which included Bradford City v Blackburn Rovers, and Forest Green Rovers v Yeovil Town.
10.30	Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights from Friday, including the contestants' reactions to the eviction, plus more games, gossip and diary room confessions.
11.30	Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as comedian Rufus Hound and actress Jorgie Porter go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)
12.00	Cricket on 5.
1.00	SuperCasino.
3.10	Gotham. (R)
4.00	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R)
4.45	Access.
4.55	Great Scientists. (R)
5.25	Nick's Quest. (R)
5.45	Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

August 20

sunday



Countryfile

6.05pm
Summer special from the Blenheim Estate in Oxfordshire. Ellie Harrison meets an accidental artist and Tom Heap discovers how the estate's forests help the local community.



Flog It!

2.50pm
Paul Martin looks into the history of Wellington College, Berkshire, where experts Elizabeth Talbot and Philip Serrell evaluate antiques before the auction.



The Chase Celebrity Special

6.30pm
Jay Rayner, Lucy Porter, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Steve Davis answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.



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The Ant & Dec Story

7.30pm
Documentary celebrating much-loved duo Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly, who in a career spanning more than 25 years, have conquered almost every part of the TV schedules.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 7.35 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the latest Premier League, including Swansea City v Manchester United at the Liberty Stadium and Stoke City v Arsenal at the bet365 Stadium. (R)
- 9.00 BBC News.**
- 10.00 Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** The team follow more properties from auction room to renovation, visiting an end terrace in Derby, a mid-terrace in Co Durham and a three-storey property in the Rhondda Valley. (R)
- 12.00 Bargain Hunt.** Tim Wonnacott travels to Exeter, where two sets of teams battle it out to find suitable treasures to sell at auction. Expertise is provided by Philip Serrell and Charles Hanson. (R)
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.15 Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore and her team transforms a hunk of wood, a Victorian architrave, a floral carpet and some leather cushions in the hope of making a profit. (R)
- 2.15 Songs of Praise.** Sally Magnusson celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Edinburgh Festival, and JB Gill meets gospel group the Blind Boys of Alabama. With hymns from Edinburgh's Stockbridge Church.
- 2.50 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix.** Gabby Logan presents continued live coverage of the ninth round of the Diamond League season, where Mo Farah is scheduled to compete for the final time on a British track.
- 5.10 Celebrity Mastermind.** With Bryony Page, Nemone, Emma Kennedy and Alan Gardner. (R)
- 5.40 BBC News.**
- 5.55 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 6.05 Countryfile.** Summer special from the Blenheim Estate in Oxfordshire. Ellie Harrison meets an accidental artist and Tom Heap discovers how the estate's forests help the local community.
- 7.05 Fake or Fortune?** New series. Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate a landscape that may be a lost painting by Constable, and an alternate view of his masterpiece The Hay Wain.
- 8.05 FILM: Far from the Madding Crowd** (2015). Premiere. A Victorian woman struggling to maintain her independence attracts the attention of three very different men. Period drama, with Carey Mulligan.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea at Wembley Stadium and Huddersfield Town v Newcastle United at the John Smith's Stadium.
- 11.30 FILM: Dream House** (2011). A man begins to suspect his new house may be haunted, and that the ghosts have a connection to his own past. Horror, starring Daniel Craig.
- 12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.00 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.15 The Instant Gardener.** Helping to create a sheltered seating area at a community farm in Southampton. (R)
- 7.00 Garden Rescue.** The presenters compete to design a garden in Faversham. (R)
- 7.45 Gardeners' World.** Advice on how to keep crops coming up to the end of autumn. (R)
- 8.45 The Beechgrove Garden.** An apprentice scheme for young gardeners in Glasgow.
- 9.15 Countryfile.** Anita Rani and Sean Fletcher explore Dartmoor. (R)
- 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
- 11.45 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food.** Lorraine Pascale creates dishes to satisfy cravings. (R)
- 12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
- 1.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain.** Si King and Dave Myers examine the hidden history of the nation's inns. (R)
- 1.30 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix.** Live coverage of the ninth round of the Diamond League season.
- 2.50 Flog It!** From Wellington College in Berkshire. (R)
- 3.45 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney.** The archaeologists uncover a remarkable find. Last in the series. (R)
- 4.45 Equestrian.** The European Eventing Championship.
- 6.50 Tribes, Predators & Me.** Gordon Buchanan learns how tribal cultures hunt and live alongside dangerous animals, beginning by joining the Waorani tribe in Ecuador as they search for anacondas. (R)
- 7.50 Meet the New Dragons.** An introduction to Dragons' Den's new panellists, Tej Lalvani, CEO of vitamins company Vitabiotics, and Jenny Campbell, founder of ATM provider YourCash Europe Ltd.
- 8.00 Dragons' Den.** New series. Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell join the panel casting an eye over more money-making ideas, including an allergy-friendly food range and astroturf for schools.
- 9.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?** New series. A group of 12 people compete against each other through six weeks of astronaut training, with the winner receiving support in pursuing a career with a space agency.
- 10.00 Ill Behaviour.** New series. Comedy about a man who responds to an old friend's cancer diagnosis by kidnapping him and forcing him to undergo chemotherapy. Starring Chris Geere.
- 11.00 FILM: The Hunter** (2011). A mercenary is hired by a mysterious company to track down and kill the supposedly extinct Tasmanian tiger. Drama, starring Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor and Sam Neill.
- 12.35 FILM: Tommy** (1975). Rock opera, starring Roger Daltrey.
- 2.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Anita Rani and Sean Fletcher explore Dartmoor. (R)
- 3.10 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 4.10 This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
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- 6.20 Sooty**
- 6.30 Signed Stories: Share a Story**
- 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures**
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- 7.00 Oddbods**
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- 7.15 Super 4**
- 7.30 Ninjago: Rebooted**
- 8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go**
- 8.25 ITV News.**
- 8.30 Weekend.** With Martine McCutcheon, Alex James and Fiona Wade.
- 9.25 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 10.20 Long Lost Family.** A woman from Hertfordshire searches for the sister she did not know existed for over 50 years, and a man in Yorkshire is haunted by not knowing his father. (R)
- 11.20 Love Your Garden.** Alan Titchmarsh and his team transform a lawn in Blackpool Zoo. (R)
- 12.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 12.25 James Martin's French Adventure.** The chef meets one of his culinary heroes in Bresse. (R)
- 1.00 Rebound.** Quiz, hosted by Sean Fletcher. (R)
- 1.55 Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
- 2.55 Bear Grylls Survival School.** A fierce storm forces the survival school pupils to evacuate their camp. (R)
- 3.25 FILM: Licence to Kill** (1989). James Bond plans revenge on a ruthless drug baron who maimed his friend, but is forced to act without the support of M16. Spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton and Robert Davi.
- 6.00 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 6.10 ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special.** Jay Rayner, Lucy Porter, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Steve Davis answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.
- 7.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (2011). The young wizard and his friends face their final battle with the forces of the dark lord Voldemort. Conclusion of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes.
- 10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.15 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder examines the case of murderer Kenneth Noye, who was the target of an international manhunt after stabbing a man to death on the M25. (R)
- 11.15 Take Me Out.** A ventriloquist from Reading, a property developer from Richmond, a judo coach from Perth and a Michael Jackson impersonator from Southport try to win a date. (R)
- 12.35 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Snetterton, featuring the Ginetta Juniors and the Renault Clio Cup UK. With commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
- 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.00 Last Man Standing.** Mike loses his position as marketing consultant.
- 6.25 Last Man Standing.** Vanessa blames Mike for not being invited to the neighbours' parties.
- 6.50 Last Man Standing.** Mike discovers a supernatural secret about the neighbourhood.
- 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra and Ray reminisce. (R)
- 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's friend has a breast enlargement. (R)
- 8.00 Frasier.** Roz does community service at a retirement home. (R)
- 8.30 Frasier.** The shrink tries to learn how to play softball. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** Roz auditions for a radio presenting job. (R)
- 9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With guests Katherine Ryan, Deborah Meaden, Steve Aoki and Stanley Tucci.
- 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A shipwreck-themed garden room with unrestricted views over the beach. (R)
- 1.35 The Simpsons.** With the guest voice of Elton John. (R)
- 2.05 The Simpsons.** Marge starts a carpentry business. (R)
- 2.35 The Simpsons.** Bart becomes a jazz drummer. (R)
- 3.05 The Simpsons.** With the guest voice of Kiefer Sutherland. (R)
- 3.35 Toy Story Toons.** Three short animations featuring characters from the Pixar films. (R)
- 4.05 FILM: Toy Story That Time Forgot** (2014). Short animated comedy, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen.
- 4.30 FILM: Tangled** (2010). Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Mandy Moore.
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** New series. George Clarke presides over the 2017 competition, beginning with the cabins and summerhouses category, which includes mushroom and pool house inspired huts.
- 8.00 From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier.** New series. Levison Wood travels across the Caucasus mountain range, which run across five countries on the frontier between Europe and Asia, beginning in Russia's southern border.
- 9.00 The State.** New series. Drama following the experiences of four British men and women who left their lives behind to join Isis in 2015. The recruits cross into Syria under cover of darkness. Continues tomorrow.
- 10.00 FILM: The Gunman** (2015). After spending years in hiding, a mercenary becomes the latest target of his former colleagues. Crime drama, starring Sean Penn and Idris Elba.
- 12.10 FILM: Belle** (2013). Fact-based period drama, starring Gugu Mbatha-Raw.
- 2.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.**
- 2.50 Gillette World Sport.**
- 3.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly.**
- 3.50 Location, Location, Location.** Revisiting two couples searching for homes in London. (R)
- 4.45 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money.** (R)
- 5.40 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat
- 6.10 Little Princess**
- 6.25 Mr Men**
- 6.35 Milkshake! Monkey**
- 6.40 Milkshake! Bopping**
- 6.45 Simon**
- 6.50 Peppa Pig**
- 6.55 Wissper**
- 7.05 Bob the Builder**
- 7.15 Fireman Sam**
- 7.25 Olly the Little White Van**
- 7.30 Paw Patrol**
- 7.50 Blaze and the Monster Machines**
- 8.20 Noddy: Toyland Detective**
- 8.35 Floogals**
- 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**
- 9.10 Shimmer and Shine**
- 9.25 Digby Dragon**
- 9.40 Peppa Pig**
- 9.45 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**
- 10.00 Wanda and the Alien**
- 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Lord Dregg sets a fearsome bounty hunter on the trail of the Turtles. (R)
- 10.40 Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the latest games in the Championship. (R)
- 11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
- 12.00 Police Interceptors.** Justin Moffitt and Paul Faulkner chase down a gang of suspected car thieves. (R)
- 1.00 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad Special.** Police dog teams in the Cleveland and Durham specialist operations unit. (R)
- 2.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits.** The most extreme chases the Interceptors have been involved in. (R)
- 3.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2.** A reckless car thief seems intent on causing carnage. (R)
- 3.55 Police Interceptors: Drugs Bust.** Officers embark on a series of operations targeting crimes connected to narcotics. (R)
- 4.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 5.00 Biggest Dog in the World.** Three households with Great Danes that definitely live up to their names. (R)
- 6.00 The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos.** Part one of two. The return of the documentary following the early stages of dogs' lives. An English bulldog is piling on the pounds and is given a new exercise regimen. (R)
- 6.45 The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos.** Part two of two. Big Ron makes big progress with his weight-loss programme, while eight-month-old French Bulldog Betsy turns her hand to doggy modelling. (R)
- 7.30 The Ant & Dec Story.** Documentary celebrating much-loved duo Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly, who in a career spanning more than 25 years, have conquered almost every part of the TV schedules. (R)
- 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.
- 12.05 Cricket on 5.**
- 1.00 SuperCasino.**
- 3.10 Gotham.** (R)
- 4.00 Now That's Funny!** (R)
- 4.50 Great Scientists.** (R)
- 5.20 Nick's Quest.** (R)
- 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

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Ford leads CV sales in UK with Transit

By Anthony Martyn

Ford maintained its sales leadership through the month of July, and for the first half of the year, heading total vehicle, car and commercial vehicle (CV) sales in the UK.

Highlights of the July sales figures issued today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) include:

- Ford Transit takes top three spots for CV sales in the UK- Transit Custom (1st), Transit (2nd) and Transit Connect (3rd)

- Ford Focus becomes UK best-selling car, whilst new Ford Fiesta arrives in showrooms

- Ford has four models in the UK Top 20 – Focus (1st), Fiesta (4th), Transit Custom (7th) and Kuga (12th)

- Seven Ford models lead their respective segments; Fiesta, Focus, Transit Courier, Transit Custom, Transit, Transit Connect and the Ranger

As the all-new Ford Fiesta arrives in UK showrooms, the Ford Focus takes the top UK sales spot overall for the month of July, with the Ford Transit taking first, second and third in CV sales.

Andy Barratt, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "It's been an excellent month for Ford in the UK with not only the Focus becoming the UK's best-seller, but also the Dunton-developed Ford Transit remaining the nation's favourite van range posting all three top spots for CVs sales this month. "It's a really exciting time for Ford in the UK with the new Ford Fiesta starting to arrive in showrooms and seeing its first



Ford Focus was best-seller in the UK for July

registrations. It is our broadest Fiesta range yet, from the luxurious Fiesta Vignale to the Fiesta Active, and we're really proud it has been receiving rave reviews from across the industry's media."

The official figures released by the SMMT today show that industry car sales in July were down 9.3 per cent to 161,997 units, compared with July 2016. Ford car sales were 16,934,

2,840 registrations ahead of its nearest rival. For the year to date (end July) total UK car sales were 1,563,808, down 2.2 per cent compared with the same period in 2016. Ford car sales for this period were 185,250, 61,235 registrations ahead of its nearest rival.

Industry CV sales saw a growth of 1.1 per cent in July to 24,766. Ford again topped the CV UK sales, Ford Transit Custom remained



Ford Transit takes top three spots for CV sales in the UK

best-seller, with Ford Transit 2nd and the Ford Transit Connect 3rd. Ford achieved 8,366 CV sales with 31.9 per cent of the market share- 2.2 per cent above July 2016, and 19.3 per cent share ahead of the nearest rival.

The Ford Focus becomes the UK's best-selling vehicle of the month with 5,251 registrations and 3.2 per cent market share. This comes as the UK's favourite new Ford

Fiesta, with a 3.6 per cent market share year-to-date, starts to hit UK dealerships.

The UK's top 20 best-selling vehicles this month include Focus (1st), Fiesta (4th), Transit Custom (7th) and Kuga (12th), while Fiesta, Focus, Transit Courier, Transit Custom, Transit, Transit Connect and the Ranger all top their respective market segments in July 2017.

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Stonic is eye-catching and confident

The all-new Kia Stonic is an eye-catching and confident compact crossover, and is set to become an important conquest model for Kia in one of Europe's newest and fastest-growing vehicle segments.

The B-SUV segment currently accounts for 1.1 million new car sales in Europe each year – around seven per cent of the market – and is forecast to expand to more than two million annual sales by 2020.

Michael Cole, chief operating officer of Kia Motors Europe, said: "The Kia Stonic will be one of the most compelling new cars in this rapidly-expanding class, backed by Kia's unique warranty, and the brand's reputation for reliability, quality and contemporary design. As the segment expands, the Stonic looks set to become one of our best-selling cars."

"By volume, the B-SUV market is expected to overtake the C-SUV segment by 2020, when more than one in ten new cars sold in Europe will be from the Stonic's segment. The B-SUV segment attracts buyers from across the spectrum, with 21 per cent of all customers upsizing from a supermini, and another 15 per cent downsizing from their family hatchbacks. Cars like the Stonic also appeal to those looking to replace their compact MPVs."

The design of the car is one of the brand's most striking to date, yet it is immediately recognisable as a Kia thanks to key signature design elements, such as the 'tiger-nose' grille. Designed in Europe, in collaboration with Kia's Korean design studio, the body blends sharp horizontal feature lines with softer sculpted surfaces. Individuality is important to many customers in the B-SUV segment, and the Stonic's 'Targa'-style roof

enables buyers to choose a two-tone paint finish, inspired by the design of the 2013 Kia Provo concept. It will be available in Europe with up to 20 two-tone colour combinations, with a choice of up to five distinctive colours for the roof.

A range of lightweight, downsized, turbocharged petrol and diesel engines are available, each paired with a manual transmission, maximising driver engagement and efficiency. Buyers have the choice of Kia's lightweight 1.0-litre T-GDI (turbocharged gasoline direct injection) engine, producing 120 ps, as well as 1.25- or 1.4-litre naturally-aspirated MPI (multi-point injection) petrol engines. An efficient 1.6-litre diesel engine completes the range, offering the lowest emissions in the line-up.

The car's European-tuned steering and suspension are designed to offer an exciting drive, with immediate handling responses and a stable ride. The car is fitted as standard with Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), ensuring the front-wheel drive Stonic remains enjoyable and confidence-inspiring to drive in all conditions. Specific functions of VSM include Torque Vectoring by Braking, Straight Line Stability, and Cornering Brake Control.

The Stonic's European-designed cabin places technology and ergonomics at its heart, offering buyers as much potential for individuality as the exterior with a range of vivid colour packs for buyers to choose from. One of the smartest cars in its class, it provides owners infotainment technologies designed to enhance safety, comfort and convenience. The car gets Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ as standard, bringing seamless smartphone functionality to the



The new car from Kia will have the company's unique seven-year, 100,000 mile warranty

touchscreen infotainment system. Like other Kia models, it is available with a broad range of technologies to enhance comfort and convenience, including heated front seats, cruise control and keyless entry.

Within its compact exterior dimensions, the Stonic's smart packaging maximises interior space for all occupants. The car offers class-leading shoulder room and generous leg- and head-room, while the versatile 352-litre boot has a two-step boot floor.

The car is built on a strong, safe and lightweight platform and bodyshell, with advanced high strength steel accounting for 51 per cent of materials used. The body ensures driving confidence, passenger comfort and refinement in all conditions. Buyers can choose from a selection of Kia's DRIVE WISE Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) to further enhance active safety. These technologies include Autonomous Emergency Braking with

pedestrian recognition and Forward Collision Alert; Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert; and Lane Departure Warning System. Backed by a new fusion camera system, Stonic offers High Beam Assist and Driver Attention Warning to further satisfy the safety needs of customers.

Backed by Kia's quality promise, the car will be sold as standard with the company's unique seven-year, 100,000 mile warranty. It goes on sale across Europe later this year.

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	P	W	L	D	P
Ludlow Castle	18	12	5	1	161
Telepost	18	13	5	0	158
Elephant & Castle	18	11	6	0	142
Pontesbury A	18	10	6	0	140
Castledelfs	18	11	7	0	134
Meole Brace A	19	9	10	0	132
Prince Hotel A	17	10	8	0	127
Battlefield	18	8	8	0	132
Hamwood	19	10	9	0	122
Whittington	17	7	10	0	114
George	18	6	12	0	104
Ilton	16	6	11	0	97
POWBC	18	5	13	0	97
Abbey A	18	6	11	1	97

Shropshire Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Crescent	18	15	3	0	161
OSBC	18	13	5	0	161
Prince Hotel B	19	9	10	0	144
Pontesbury B	19	10	9	0	138
Bishops Castle	18	11	7	0	136
Craven Arms	17	9	8	0	132
Meole Brace V	17	10	7	0	123
Bicton A	17	10	7	0	118
Unison	18	8	10	0	115
Craven Arms	18	7	12	0	111
Frankwell	18	7	12	0	111
Greenfields Social	17	7	10	0	101
Wem BC	18	6	12	0	97
Bayston Hill	19	4	15	0	96

Shropshire Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Hadnall	15	12	3	0	150
Burway	15	11	4	0	143
Church Club	14	8	6	0	123
Albert Road BC	14	8	6	0	114
Oxley	16	8	8	0	110
Bagley	13	9	4	0	104
Wem USC	15	7	8	0	97
Serve-side St Julians	15	8	7	0	97
Abbey B	14	5	9	0	82
Worthen & Brockton	16	1	15	0	56
Bicton B	14	2	12	0	49

Shrewsbury Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Castledelfs B	16	13	3	0	130
Pontesbury B	16	11	5	0	118
Prince Hotel A	16	11	5	0	118
Crescent A	15	11	4	0	112
Telepost A	15	10	5	0	102
Hamwood A	15	7	8	0	89
Abbey A	16	6	10	0	82
Oxon Village	16	3	13	0	72
OSBC B	16	5	11	0	69
Meole Brace A	15	4	11	0	69
St Julians	15	2	13	0	49

Shrewsbury Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Battlefield A	17	13	4	0	137
Pontesbury B	17	10	7	0	111
Prince Hotel B	17	10	7	0	111
Unison	17	9	8	0	110
Bicton A	17	9	7	0	105
Craven Arms	17	7	10	0	107
Meole Brace V	17	9	8	0	103
Albert Road BC	17	5	11	0	93
Greenfields Social A	17	12	0	0	81
Worthen & Brockton	17	12	0	0	81
Bayston Hill A	17	4	13	0	71

Shrewsbury Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Monkmoor A	17	13	4	0	126
Bagley A	17	10	7	0	112
POWBC A	17	11	6	0	107
Meole Brace B	17	11	6	0	107
Oxon	17	11	6	0	107
Frankwell	17	8	9	0	103
Telepost B	17	8	9	0	103
Castledelfs C	17	9	8	0	98
Bicton B	17	6	11	0	94
Dorrington	17	6	11	0	90
OSBC A	17	5	12	0	80
Hamwood B	17	5	12	0	74

Shrewsbury Division 4

	P	W	L	D	P
POWBC B	17	14	3	0	149
Greenfields Social B	17	13	4	0	138
Crescent B	17	11	6	0	128
Pontesbury C	17	12	5	0	114
Elephant & Castle	17	12	5	0	114
Meole Brace C	17	11	6	0	112
Pontesbury D	17	11	6	0	112
Worthen & Brockton	17	7	10	0	81
Serve-side	17	6	11	0	79
Bayston Hill B	17	3	14	0	70
Bagley B	17	3	14	0	58
Monkmoor B	17	0	17	0	51

Oswestry & District Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Ceiring Valley A	17	12	3	0	2404116
Llangollen A	16	11	5	0	2366101
Chirk AAA A	17	10	6	0	2151598
Llanymynech A	16	9	7	0	2142933
Rudlows	16	8	8	0	20889
Whittington A	16	7	9	0	21982
Criffins A	16	6	7	0	2106
Johnstown A	15	6	1	0	1986
Criffins B	17	16	1	0	22118
Flexeys A	16	4	12	0	34058
Corwen A	16	5	10	0	313253

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Cynydd A	18	13	5	0	2480121
Church A	18	10	6	0	2444114
Weston Rhyn A	18	11	6	0	2164102
Chirk AAA B	18	10	8	0	249102
Criffins B	18	7	11	0	24895
Plas Kynaston A	18	9	8	0	39988
Ellesmere A	18	9	9	0	14486
Ye Old Croft A	18	7	10	0	14286
Criffins C	18	7	11	0	14286
George	18	7	11	0	20672
Llanymynech B	18	8	10	0	24772
Whittington B	18	5	12	0	136965

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Ceiring Valley C	18	12	6	0	284109
Johnstown D	18	12	5	0	120108
Black Lion	18	10	8	0	135104
Criffins C	18	7	11	0	24895
Johnstown C	18	8	8	0	213396
Fox Lane	18	9	9	0	24911
Bersham	18	10	8	0	1689
Llangollen B	18	7	2	0	9687
Ceiring Valley B	18	8	7	0	185
Church C	18	6	11	0	112676



YOUNG footballers from Shrewsbury Up & Comers FC swapped their football boots for trainers to take part in the weekly Shrewsbury parkrun to raise money for charity, writes **STUART DUNN**. The runners, aged between five and 14, were raising funds for Hope House through sponsorship to complete the 5km course around the town's Quarry Park.

Club chairman Simon Lee said: "We

thought it would be a good idea to encourage our players and parents to take part in the Saturday morning parkrun and raise money for Hope House. "It's nice to do things as group for local charities and we've got a lot of members who don't mind giving up their time for this sort of thing."

Up and Comers manager Graham Parton, who organised the event with

Shrewsbury parkrun, said he was delighted to see such an impressive turn out of young runners from the club. He added: "It was great to see so many people making the effort to come down and join the parkrun. Whether you ran, jogged or walked it, getting round the 5km course is great exercise and hopefully it will encourage a few more parents and kids to keep on coming and get fitter."

"It also gave some of our players a chance to beat their managers in a race! "But, of course, the important thing, is that we helped to raise funds for a very worthy local charity Hope House, who provide such great support and care for children and young people with illnesses."

■ Pictured: Youngsters from Shrewsbury Up & Comers turned out in force for the charity parkrun.

	P	W	L	D	P
Oswestry	16	11	1	0	3265
Pershore	16	6	5	0	1227
Forddhouses	16	10	1	0	214
C & R Hawks	16	6	3	0	2212
Penkridge	16	4	1	0	2148
O E Elizabeths	16	3	1	0	2146
Coventry & NW	16	4	5	0	3140
Whittington	16	2	11	0	2121

	P	W	L	D	P
Streety	16	9	0	0	2241
Lichfield	16	10	1	0	2239
Astwood Bank	16	9	0	0	2234
Stourbridge	16	6	4	0	2213
Handsworth	16	7	2	0	2100
Stord-on-Avon	16	6	1	0	1192
Newport	16	7	0	0	1191
Sentinel	16	6	3	0	1191
Brewod	16	5	2	0	1170
Worce Nomads	16	4	1	0	1134
Nuneaton	16	1	3	0	292

Second Teams Premier Division

	P	W	L	D	P
Wolverhampton	16	11	1	0	3280
Walmsley	16	10	1	0	3260
Kenilworth	16	9	2	0	2236
Knowle & D.	16	9	2	0	2236
Shifnal	16	6	5	0	2105
Moseley	16	6	3	0	1191
Pontesbury Park B	16	10	0	0	2190
Leamington	16	6	2	0	2176
Himley	16	2	5	0	2138
Brookhampton	16	2	4	0	0135
Astwood Bank	16	3	1	0	0123
Halesowen	16	2	1	0	0108

Division One

	P	W	L	D	P
Attock	16	9	4	0	2279
Tamworth	16	7	2	0	2211
Bromsgrove	16	7	2	0	2211
WB Dartmouth	16	8	2	0	2028
Barnet Green	16	7	1	0	2194
Walsall	16	9	2	0	2191
Berkswell	16	5	4	0	2175
O E Elizabeths	16	5	4	0	2172
Coventry & NW	16	5	1	0	1169
Midford Hall	16	6	2	0	2139
Snellington	16	4	1	0	2139

Division Two North

	P	W	L	D	P
Shrewsbury	16	12	3	0	0300
Penkridge	16	7	4	0	0242
Brewod	16	8	4	0	0231
Forddhouses	16	7	6	0	0230
Penkridge	16	6	3	0	0208
Walsall	16	6	3	0	0196
Whittington	16	3	7	0	0194
Newport	16	7	0	0	0179
Oswestry	16	4	3	0	0167
Sentinel	16	3	6	0	0157
C & R Hawks	16	4	2	0	0152
Lichfield	16	1	4	0	0111

Division Two South

	P	W	L	D	P
Pershore	16	11	2	0	0272
Wormbourne	16	10	3	0	0260
Stord-on-Avon	16	9	1	0	0239
Dorridge	16	1	6	0	0209
Handsworth	16	8	1	0	0206
Streety	16	6	1	0	0176
Sutton Coldfield	16	5	2	0	0161
Worce Nomads	16	5	0	0	0154
Stourbridge	16	3	2	0	0138
Barnards Green	16	2	1	0	0101

Marches Cricket League

	P	W	L	D	P
Luctonians	16	11	2	1	2316
Goodrich	16	11	2	1	2307
Garnons	16	10	4	1	1281
Kingston	16	9	4	1	2276
Portsmouth	16	6	7	0	0196
Abergavenny	16	5	7	0	2188
Dales, Hereford	16	5	8	0	2175
Brookhampton	16	6	10	0	0170
Woolhope	16	10	2	0	1119
Glangwynydd	16	2	12	1	1119

Market Drayton Seniors Bowling League

Division 1

Con Club A	120	69	2176	
Wern A	120	62	2111	Whitchurch
Audlem A	120	52	2028	Worfield
Adderley B	120	55	1991	Ludlow
Prees	120	57	1977	Welshpool
Victoria A	120	45	1950	Bresley
Joules MD	120	45	1873	Quatt
Ash A	120	46	1844	Newtown
				St Georges
				Frankton
				Madeley
				Market Drayton

Lashings of fun with legendary Blowers

LEGENDARY commentator Henry Blofeld, who hangs up his mic for the last time on BBC Test Match Special this summer, will be one of the big names when the Lashings All Stars take on Oswestry at the end of the month.

Blofeld will provide the commentary on the game, played at the picturesque Morda Road ground on Thursday, August 31.

The Lashings All Stars side include West Indies legend Gordon Greenidge and England spinner Monty Panesar. Also on the Lashings' list are former England stars Devon Malcolm, Martin Bicknell, Chris Schofield and Usman Afzaal, West Indian pace ace Tino Best and his fellow Barbadian Kirk Edwards and prolific Indian run scorer Wasim Jaffer – no stranger to Morda



Henry Blofeld

Road, having played on the ground in league games for Wolverhampton and Himley.

"It's a great line-up - those players have made nearly 300 Test appearances between them," said Oswestry club secretary Chris Wiseman. "Arrangements are going well, and the 26 tables for the pre-match lunch with the Lashings stars have sold out."

Another star guest will be actor John Challis, best known as Boycie in Only Fools and Horses.

Aspiring young players can receive coaching from a Lashing player. A junior package, which costs £25, will include an hour's coaching from a Test star, further coaching from Oswestry Cricket Club's highly qualified team of coaches, lunch and match entry. Entry for spectators will be £5.

For sponsorship opportunities, or to book a place for a youngster on the junior coaching package, call Hugh Roberts on 07971 963016 or Chris Wiseman on 07855 52240.

Ifton continue to flirt with the drop zone

IFTON continue to flirt with relegation danger in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League following their 10-4 (230-201) loss at Meole Brace.

Having put paid to fellow strugglers Bylet 9-5 (225-183) the night before, the defeat left the St Martins side third from bottom.

They are five points above Hamner, seven clear of rock bottom Wem USC and one point adrift of Bylet. They now face a trip to Bowring on Friday night.

It was a battling display against Meole, with the visitors' best result of the night coming from Nicky Jones who defeated Scott Moseley 21-9 for his 12th victory of the season.

Ian Metcalfe won to 14, Curtis Metcalfe to 19 while Dave Bond was a slender 21-20 victor. Leighton Roberts narrowly missed out, 21-20.

The night before, Ifton overcame basement rivals Bylet 9-5, taking the aggregate by 42 shots (225-183) to boost their hopes of survival.

Martin Jones notched the best result of the night for the St Martins side, with his 21-7 victory over Michael Harries.

Darren Lacey also won to eight, while there were 21-10 triumphs for Ian Metcalfe and Sam Williams.

Nicky Jones and Craig Griffiths both came through 21-12 while Richie Griffiths was his team's other winner, when prevailing 21-19.

Adrian Humphries went close to another victory, but was edged out 21-20 against Rich Taylor.

Off day as Welshpool skittled cheaply

WELSHPOOL'S batting suffered a rare off day as they crumbled to 57 all out at the hands of Wroxeter Grove to lose ground in the Henshalls Shropshire League division one.

The encounter at Maesydre started well enough with Pool winning the toss and asking their visitors to bat first.

Skipper Rob Anderson took 4-17 and Mat Mcwhinnie 3-40 as Wroxeter were bowled out for a modest 127 in the 40th over, Rory Hawes top scoring on 24.

But Welshpool crumbled in reply, being shot out for 57 in 28.2 overs with Rob Pengelly (12) and Russell Cadwallader (11) the only batsmen to reach double figures. Hawes finished with 3-12 and Dan Harris

3-19. The Powys hosts picked up just six points from their 70-run reverse, and slipped down one place in the table to sixth position.

MONTGOMERY were edged out by five runs in a tight Shropshire League first division tussle away at fellow strugglers Forton to slip back into basement danger. After the hosts had mustered 167-9 in 45 overs, Monty fell just short on 162 all out with two overs remaining to return with just seven points.

Sam Williams had taken 3-43 to keep Forton in check, with Rob Woodall (32) top scoring for the hosts, while Henry Wilkinson (2-40) and Andrew Barker (2-16) were also among the wickets. In reply, Monty started well enough through Barker (26) and

Charles John Clinton (24), but then lost wickets at regular intervals.

Ultimately, they were to fall an agonising five runs short despite 31 from Sam Williams who perished when run out by Chris Hughes who also picked up 3-22 from nine overs.

High-flying MONTGOMERY II got their title pursuit back on track in the 2nd XI League division two with a five wicket verdict against Bomere Heath II.

Put in to bat, Bomere were bowled out for 97. Keith Griffiths the chief destroyer with 6-20 and David Jones taking 3-23.

Monty got home thanks to 41 from opener Thomas Corfield, Patrick Wilding also chipping in with 24.

Crushing win keeps Glas hopes intact

Cricket

CAE Glas kept alive their promotion push in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division three with a crushing 198-run win against Corvedale at Gatacre.

Opting to bat first, the Glas capitalised despite losing an early wicket as skipper George Candler (30) and Andy Griffiths (21) created a strong platform with a 70-run stand for the second wicket.

This proved to be the start of a number of positive partnerships between the Glas batsmen, although there was a slight wobble in the middle of the innings when four wickets fell for just 18 runs.

That left the home side on 131-6 with 15 overs to bat, but Gary Davies (22) and Gaz Edgerton steadied matters with a 57-run partnership before George Jones came to the wicket and played some positive shots. He second top-scored with 44 alongside Edgerton, who between them put on 78 for the eighth wicket.

Cae Glas eventually finished on a season's best 281-9 in the allotted 40 overs with Edgerton remaining unbeaten on 56. Pick of the Corvedale bowlers was Mohammed Omar Faroque who took 3-31.

In response, Dale had to start positively, but wickets fell steadily against some accurate bowling. They all contributed, including Danny Percy who, in his first over bowling for the first team, took the match winning wicket as Corvedale were dismissed for 83 in the 29th over.

Edgerton capped a fine day by taking 3-1 in four overs including three maidens. Nick Broadbent bagged 2-10 with Matt Coulson, Danny Percy and George Jones claiming a wicket apiece.

Jones also made his mark in the field by instigating the only run out with an accurate throw from the boundary. Next up for Cae Glas is an away encounter at Acton Reynald on Saturday.

CAE GLAS II, battling to escape the lower reaches of the 2nd XI League division three, secured a timely 83-run win away to rock bottom Corvedale II that ended a run of 10 straight defeats.

Put into bat, they posted 154-6, with Shaun Southern top scoring on 51, before Helen Morris took a career best 6-25 as Corvedale crashed to 71 all out in reply.

Buoyed by the welcome win, Cae Glas host title chasing Acton Reynald on Saturday.

Testing conditions for cyclists



Fastest Paragon cyclist Neil Coles during the the trial series

THE rain held off, but a testing crosswind made it difficult going for the 30 riders who took part in round 14 of the Oswestry Paragon time trial series.

Taking his second victory of the year Nick Morgan of Hitchin Nomads CC crossed the line in 22min02.

Three Paragon riders battled it out for second place and max-

imum points in the battle for the series trophy. Neil Coles who came out on top ahead of Glyn Jones – with a personal best by three seconds – and Chris Evans.

Fifth place went to Conrad Taylor of Hafren CC with another three Paragon riders not far behind, quickest of the trio was Rob Kerr in 24min29 ahead of Jack Morris and Darrell Walsh.

Ben Pierce of Mid Shropshire Wheelers was the quickest junior ahead of Jack Young.

The fastest lady was Louise Downward of Hafren CC in 26min28 putting her ahead of Paragon rider Helen Tudor. Two junior ladies from Mid Shropshire Wheelers also took part with Megan Jones getting the better of older sister Bethy.

Thirteenth win of season not unlucky for Hampson

BEN Hampson continued his fine form as WHITTINGTON A made light of struggling Corwen A to run out emphatic 9-1 winners to boost their cause in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one.

The villagers proved too strong for their visitors who are languishing at the foot of the division, taking the shots aggregate by 48 (161-113).

Hampson again led the way, winning 21-5 to record his 13th win in 16 outings this season to lie fifth in the division's averages.

Graham Humphreys also weighed in with a 21-11 success while Aled Davies also prevailed to 13-12, his 12th win in 13 outings.

Without a fixture, in-form LLANYMYNECH A slipped to fourth spot, while defending champions Ceiriog Valley A continue to dominate at the top. The pacesetters, after a mixed start to the season, are now 15 points clear at the sum-

Bowls by John Bridgwater

mit after their crushing 9-1 (164-111) victory away to Johnstown B.

Chirk A slipped into third spot after going down 6-4 away to CRIFTINS A with the aggregate shared at 138 apiece.

It was nip and tuck throughout, with the Duleston Heath side getting their noses in front thanks to good wins from Andrew Jones (21-11), Gary Wilkie (21-13) and Sandra Barker (21-14). Criftins remain in seventh position.

Ade Humphreys took the coppers for Chirk with a resounding 21-2 win.

Llangollen A, with a game in hand, stayed in touching distance of the leaders as they stormed into second position after hammering Flexsys A 9-1 (165-86).

CRIFTINS B succumbed 7-3 (159-132) at lowly Llangynog A, their best reply coming from Andrew Miner (21-14).

Elsewhere, promotion chasing BLACK LION suffered a slender 6-4 (145-133) loss away to leaders Ceiriog Valley C in division three, Karl Adams their biggest winner to 11.

Dilwyn Edwards (21-5) and Ben Parkes (21-6) led the charge as FOX LANE swept aside lowly Ellesmere B 8-2 (162-114).

IFTON, lying joint second in division four, are still looking well placed for promotion after their 7-3 (154-89) home victory against basement side Whittington E.

The St Martins hosts had five single figure winners, the best of which was Tanya Metcalfe who won to one, while Gareth Williams prevailed 21-5.

Results: Division one: Ruabon A 4 (125) Johnstown A 6 (139),

Criftins A 6 (138) Chirk A 3 (138), Llangollen A 9 (165) Flexsys A 1 (86), Whittington A 9 (161) Corwen A 1 (113), Johnstown B 1 (111) Ceiriog Valley A 9 (164), No fixture: Llanymynech A.

Division two: Church A 8 (146) Ye Olde Crofte A 2 (124), Llanrhaeadr A 7 (138) Church B 3 (131), Llangynog A 7 (159) Criftins B 3 (132), Weston Rhyn A 8 (158) Whittington B 2 (128), George 2 (111) Cynwyd A 8 (160), Plas Kynaston A 8 (161) Ellesmere A 2 (115).

Division three: Llangollen B 7 (162) Ceiriog Valley B 3 (132), Johnstown D 9 (162) Chirk B 1 (140), Church C 5 (147) Johnstown C 5 (147), Fox Lane 8 (162) Ellesmere B 2 (114), Ceiriog Valley C 6 (145) Black Lion 4 (133), Bersham 6 (158) Criftins C 2 (123). Division four: Llanrhaeadr C 7 (149) Llanyllin A 3 (129), Overton B 9 (161) Llanrhaeadr D 1 (107), Ifton F (154) Whittington C 3 (89), Plas Kynaston B 4 (119) Llanymynech B 6 (140), Llangynog C 6 (130) Cynwyd B 4 (119), Ruabon C 10 (168) Weston Rhyn C 0 (97). Division five: Chirk C 9 (157) Criftins D 1 (129), Pentre Broughton 9 (162) Ye Olde Crofte B 1 (81), Johnstown E 7 (129), Corwen B 3 (118), Llanrhaeadr B 3 (120) Weston Rhyn B 7 (129), Criftins E 7 (159) Llanymynech C 3 (108), Church D 4 (124) Whittington C 6 (128).

Division six: Overton C 1 (99) Ponciau Park A 9 (167), Llangynog B 7 (130) Chirk D 3 (111), Cynwyd C 8 (152) Llanyllin B 2 (101), Weston Rhyn D 8 (161) Llanrhaeadr E 2 (105), Whittington D 9 (155) Church E 1 (99).

Skipper Tom is no Friend of Oswestry thanks to 50

A BELOW-strength Oswestry second string put up a brave fight before losing by four wickets at Brewood II in the Birmingham League Division Two 2nd XI (North).

Steve Humphreys (44) and Chris Wiseman (22) were the chief contributors as Oswestry were dismissed for 157 off the last ball of their 50 overs.

Ian Davies (3-26) and Matt Whittithread (2-35) bowled well in the Brewood reply, but skipper Tom Friend saw the home side to 159-6 with an unbeaten 50.

OSWESTRY III went down by 74 runs to Hinstock at Oswestry School, but drew several positives from their Shropshire League division four encounter.

Ian Walton's unbeaten 62 saw Hinstock to 176-6, with two wickets each for Keenan Oakley and Ivor Pearsall.

Ollie Roberts batted more than 30 overs for his 35 not out in Oswestry's innings, which closed on 102-8. He received good support from Oakley (20).

A century stand between 15-year-olds Archie James and Ollie Roberts set up a fine win for OSWESTRY IV at Ludlow IV – a result which knocked the home side off the top of the Shropshire League Sunday division two table.

James hit 52 and Roberts 49 as Oswestry closed on 204-7 and James wasn't finished there, taking 3-4 to help bowl Ludlow out for 103.

Oswestry II entertain Milford Hall Seconds at Morda Road on Saturday (12.30), when the third team visit Bridgnorth III.

The fourths host Madeley IV at Morda Road on Sunday (1pm).

Church still in the hunt for promotion

CHURCH A maintained their promotion push in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two after notching a good all round victory over Ye Olde Crofte.

Martin Williams (21-5) was the best of the night for Church who ran out 8-2 (146-124) victors, while Steve Williams (21-15) bagged his 17th win of the season. Steve Thomas won to seven for Crofte.

WESTON RHYN kept their hopes alive of a swift return to the top flight with a comfortable 8-2 (158-128) success at home to lowly WHITTINGTON A.

Emyr Roberts (21-5) was in fine form for LLANRHAEDR who were made to battle against CHURCH B before emerging 7-3 winners, taking the aggregate by 138-131. Glenys Jones (21-9) helped keep Church in the hunt.

ELLESMEERE A succumbed 8-2 away to Plas Kynaston, losing the aggregate 161-115, while GEORGE slipped into basement trouble after their 8-2 (160-111) home loss to high flying Cynwyd A who moved seven points clear at the top.

Saints still on hunt for first points of season

ST MARTINS are still looking for their first points in the West Midlands League division one after a 4-2 loss at Darlston Town.

After their slender 2-1 reverse away to Bromyard the week before, the Saints were hoping to open their account.

But, despite a brace of second half goals from Zakh Ward, they returned home empty-handed.

The game started with both sides creating chances, with Tom Ash and Ward having opportunities for the visitors, while the home side had the ball in the back of the net only to be ruled out for offside.

The opportunities to find the opener continued, with Jamie Hands having his header saved from a dangerous Ash cross.

Hands also set up Ash with a great ball but the Darlston defenders cleared the opportunity as the first half ended goalless.

Soon after getting the second half under way, St Martins were celebrating after an Elliot Howes cross landed to Ward who fired in to put the visitors in the lead.

Soon after, Darlston were back on terms after being awarded a penalty when Jay Stoker handled.

Both teams continued to created chances, but Darlston went ahead in the 64th minute from a quick counter attack before increasing their lead 10 minutes later

St Martins were back in it when Ward headed his second from a Howes free kick, but Darlston wrapped up the win.

The Saints continue their streak of away games on Saturday with a trip to Kingston Town.

No doubting Thomas had a good day

ELLESMERE got back to winning ways as they consolidated their position among the leading pack in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two with a three wicket success against Church Aston.

Gurjeet Saini top scored with 76 as visiting Aston posted 201-9 in their 40 overs, Richard Bennett also chipping in with 31 claimed figures of Jason Wirdnamg took 3-54.

There were also two wickets apiece for Felix Ashley (2-7 off five overs) Ashley Thomas (2-28) and George Duncan (2-37).

Thomas then completed a good day's work with an unbeaten 80 to take the Meresiders to their target

with three overs to spare, Max Smith also making 52. ELLESMERE II were handed 24 points after opponents St Georges IV conceded their clash in the 2nd XI League division three.

Third placed KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY suffered a setback in their quest to catch the leading sides in division one when they went down to a seven wicket loss at Alberbury.

Unbeaten

Put in to bat, they totalled 199-9 from their 45 overs thanks largely to an unbeaten 88 from Lawrence Hitchen, with a six a 11 fours, while Thomas Dix also weighed in with 52.

Alberbury paced their reply well, getting home with three overs to spare with opener Michael Crawshaw carrying his bat to finish unbeaten on 81 while Jamie Jagger picked up 2-41 from nine overs. Knockin were left with just six points.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II notched a seven wicket win against their Alberbury counterparts in the 2nd X League division one.

Matty Evans (2-9), Paul Holyoake (2-13) and Richard Williams (2-21) helped dismiss Alberbury for just 99.

Holyoake then cracked 38 not out in reply, and with Jamie Birch's unbeaten 21, took their side to to victory in the 24th over.

Bangor sparkle as champions shocked

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Bangor City 5 The New Saints 2
THE New Saints crashed to a shock opening night 5-2 defeat at Bangor City as their defence of the JD Welsh Premier crown got off to a shaky start on the north Wales coast.

Despite twice hitting back to level in an entertaining first half, the Saints shipped in three more goals after the break to return home with their heaviest league defeat in 10 seasons.

TNS lost their opening fixture for the first time since 2007/08. Last term, they won their first 21 league matches on the way to a sixth successive title.

Boss Scott Ruscoe, after his first league game in charge, said it was tough to take. "We were below par all over the team, made some poor decisions, and it was disappointing to say the least," he said.

Instead of a weekend off, the Saints players reported for duty on the Saturday to run the rule over their off-colour display.

Rebound

Bangor were ahead after just five minutes when Brayden Shaw headed home Anderson Cayola's cross, but the visitors levelled nine minutes as defender Connell Rawlinson smashed in a rebound after a Wes Fletcher free kick had bounced off the post.

City restored their lead just two minutes later when Gary Taylor-Fletcher nodded in Shaw's left wing cross. But Saints were level on 24 minutes when Jamie Mullan pounced on a loose ball.

After a scrappy start to the second half that saw Aeron Edwards put one shot wide for the defending champions, Bangor were ahead on 61 minutes through another header from the predatory Taylor-Fletcher.

Record signing Shaw then got his second goal of the game to make it 4-2 with a stunning 30-yard strike on 75 minutes that gave keeper Paul Harrison no chance as flew inside the left post.

Cayola, the first Bolivian to play in the Welsh Premier, completed the nap hand with a penalty on 81 minutes.

NEWTOWN also opened their campaign on a losing note as they slumped 3-0 at Bala Town who took the spoils with goals from Chris Venables, Evan Horwood and Mike Hayes. The Robins also had defender Leon Clowes sent off for his second booking late on.

Blackpool rock Town's opening



Richie Harris wins the ball in FC Oswestry's 3-1 opening day defeat against AFC Blackpool.

IT was not the start FC Oswestry Town wanted as they succumbed 3-1 to AFC Blackpool in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

In their first outing at Park Hall, they trailed at the break to Mark Taylor's 21st minute strike, and Ben Duffield doubled the lead on 64 minutes. Billy McKenna made it 3-0 before Lewis Jarman

pulled one back on 73. Blackpool struck first when Taylor fired home after James Nay sent a free kick into a crowded box.

Town threatened again moments later when Scott Graham broke down the left flank before seeing his shot parried by keeper Callum Kirkland. The lead was doubled the lead on 64 minutes when Duffield flicked in a header,

meeting Nay's long throw from the right. Three minutes later, the advantage was increased when McKenna cut in from the right before beating keeper Mike Jones at the near post.

Jarman slid the ball in to reduce the arrears.

Town headed to Cammell Laird on Tuesday night and visit Prestwich Heys on Saturday.

Red card and four penalties in thriller

TEN-MAN Guilsfield earned a creditable 1-1 draw away to big guns Rhyl in an incident-packed opening game of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance season.

There was no shortage of incident at the Corbett Sports Stadium. The encounter saw four penalties, two for each side, and a 66th minute red card for Guilsfield defender Robbie James after picking up his second booking.

The scene was set after just four minutes when Rhyl were awarded a penalty, but Mark Connolly's spot kick was turned onto the post by keeper Andy Wycherley, the ex-England under-18 international making his debut on loan from TNS.

Both sides had their chances, but it was the mid-Wales men who took the lead 10 minutes into the second half when Asa Hamilton converted his spot kick.

Rhyl, one of the title favourites after dropping down from the Welsh Premier this season, were back on terms 12 minutes later when Connolly made no mistake with his second penalty after James had been dismissed for a second foul.

Hamilton had a chance to restore the lead but saw his spot kick saved by home keeper Rory Crowther, but Guilsfield's 10 men survived a tense finish to secure a resilient point.

Meanwhile, a late strike from Rhidian Davies earned Caersws a 2-2 draw with newcomers Queens Park at the Recreation Ground.

The Bluebirds, missing a number of players following a summer of comings and goings, started well and Ross Stephens marked his return in the fourth minute with a terrific angled strike that went into the net off the bar.

The Wrexham visitors were level right on half time when Helder Ramos bundled the ball in after some hesitant defence.

Phil Jones spurned a golden chance to restore the home lead after the break when firing wide from close range, and that proved costly as John Rhys Edwards put Queens Park ahead on 72 minutes.

However, Caersws kept plugging away and Davies earned parity nine minutes from time after a scuffed shot fell in his path.

Safety hopes are boosted

FRANKTON continued their push for safety in the Henshalls Shropshire League premier division with a low scoring win against basement rivals Market Drayton.

Put in to bat, they were bowled out for just 98 in the 29th over following an early order collapse against some fine bowling from Kyle Morgan (7-32).

The innings was revived through the ninth wicket pair of Abdullah Asif (40) and Stuart Lammie (24), and those runs were to prove crucial as Drayton were sent back for 67.

It gave Frankton a 31-run success.

Abdullah Asif made it a memorable all round game with 6-19 from eight overs, while Jack Hutchinson and Stuart Lammie also chipped in with two wickets apiece.

GUILDSFIELD made it three wins in a row in division four as they chased down 157 to defeat Llanidloes.

Results and fixture dates

Spar Mid-Wales results
August 11. Division 1: Radnor Valley 3 Llandrindod Wells 0
Division 2: Abermule 4 Llansantffraid Village 4; Newbridge-on-Wye 1 Montgomery 1.
August 12. Division 1: Berriew 1 Bow Street 2; Borth Utd 0 Welshpool 4; Churchsoke 1 Llanfair Utd 2; Llanidloes 3 Knighton 2; Llanrhaeadr 4 Aberaeron 1; Machynlleth 3 Kerry 4; Tywyn Brynrcrug 3 Carno 1
Division 2: Dolgellau 3 Brecon Northcote 2; Dyffryn Banw 0 Hay St Mary's 3; Talgarth 2 Presteigne 3
Spar Mid-Wales League fixtures
Saturday: (ko 2.30pm) - Welsh Cup Conference date
Division 1: Bow Street v Radnor Valley; Knighton v Carno; Llanfair Utd v Aberaeron (ko 1.30pm); Llanrhaeadr v Llanidloes
Division 2: Newbridge-on-Wye v Talgarth; Dyffryn Banw v Penybont; Presteigne v Dolgellau
August 22 (ko 6.45pm). Division 1: Carno v Llanidloes; Llanfair Utd v Welshpool; Radnor Valley v Knighton
August 23 (ko 6.45pm). Division 1: Berriew v Llanidloes; Llanfair Utd v Welshpool; Radnor Valley v Knighton
August 24 (ko 7.30pm). Division 1: Berriew v Llanidloes; Llanfair Utd v Welshpool; Radnor Valley v Knighton
August 25 (ko 7.30pm). Division 1: Welshpool v Tywyn Brynrcrug
August 26. Newbridge-on-Wye v Builth Wells (ko 6.45pm)

Golden Graham bags a debut hat-trick

DEBUTANT Dan Graham fired a hat-trick as Llanrhaeadr lay down an early marker in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 4-1 beating of visitors Aberaeron.

The forward joined from FC Oswestry Town during the summer, and showed himself to be an ideal replacement for Iwan Matthews who has switched to Guilsfield.

Aberaeron took an early lead, before Graham levelled on 20 minutes. Graham glanced home his second from a cross by Joe Vaughan, who is also back at the club this season from Llanfair United.

Despite having Marc Griffiths sent off for his second booking on the stroke of half time, Llanrhaeadr surged further ahead in the second period.

Graham completed his hat-trick with a penalty on 70 minutes and five minutes later Glenn Evans rifled home a free kick from the edge of the box.

Football by John Bridgwater

A week after lifting the Summer Cup, BERRIEW slumped 2-1 at home to Bow Street. Karl Seliearts scored for the Rhiewsiders, but two late goals left Dave Jones' side empty handed.

WELSHPOOL, who flirted with relegation danger for much of last season, opened with a 4-0 victory away to Borth United thanks to Ian Probert, Josh Morgan, Chris Roberts and Ricky Litchfield.

LLANFAIR United, who have dropped down to the Spar League following their relegation from the Cymru Alliance, launched their campaign with a 2-1 success away to newly promoted Churchstoke.

Another of the newcomers KERRY began with a 4-3 victory away to Machynlleth, courtesy of a debut goal for Max McLaughlin and an opening day hat-

trick for Mark Hughes. Radnor Valley sounded an early warning after overcoming Llandrindod Wells 3-0 in their first outing, while last season's runners-up Carno slumped 3-1 at Tywyn Brynrcrug.

Llanidloes Town were far from impressive at Victoria Avenue in a 3-2 victory over 10-man Knighton Town, who had new keeper Joey Prosser sent off. Substitute keeper Danny Ives turned the ball into his own net for the winner.

LLANSANTFFRAID Village opened their season in division two with an entertaining 4-4 draw at Abermule, while Montgomery - relegated from the first division this season - also finished all square, 1-1 at Newbridge.

DYFFRYN BANW were beaten 3-0 at home to Hay St Mary's. Dolgellau won 3-2 home against newcomers Brecon Northcote, while Presteigne won 3-2 away to Talgarth Town.

Sponsorship deal signed for new season

A NEW sponsorship deal has been announced as the 2017/18 Welsh Premier League season got under way last weekend.

Sportswear giants JD Sports will sponsor the league in a three-year deal, replacing Dafabet who opted out of their agreement earlier this year. JD Sports will also sponsor the Welsh Cup.

Stephen White, JD Group Marketing Director, said: "This has been a great few years for Welsh football. JD has been a supporter of the national team for several years now, and as they continue to have success on the field, we are delighted to be continuing our support for the domestic game in Wales off the field."

S4C will once again show a minimum of 29 live domestic matches during the season, in addition to a number of matches on the channel's digital platforms on Thursday nights via live stream.

As he looked ahead to the next season, Wales assistant manager Osian Roberts, said: "The New Saints must be commended and complimented for raising the bar year on year but if some of the other clubs fulfil their potential during the coming season - it could be a very interesting campaign."

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Rivals ready to do battle this weekend

POWYS rivals Montgomery and Welshpool go head to head in a Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division one derby on Saturday (1pm).

It's a big day for both sides, with hosts Monty still seeking points to avoid being dragged into a relegation battle following last weekend's tense five-wicket loss away to fellow strugglers Forton.

Welshpool are in the higher echelons of the table in sixth, but will want to turn in an improved display after being shot out for just 57 by Wroxeter Grove last Saturday on their way to a 70-run defeat.

Frankton bid to maintain their climb up the premier division table at Quatt, while Knockin & Kinnerley entertain Forton elsewhere in division one.

After pulling off two crushing wins in a row, CAE GLAS travel to Acton Reynald in good heart as they seek to maintain their promotion push in division three. Although they remain fifth, they are now in touching distance of second spot.

Ellesmere, looking to stay in sight of the leaders, have a trip to Shrewsbury III.

Guildsfield, who consolidated their top five position in division four with a five-wicket win at Llanidloes, look to make it four wins on the trot when they host Coton Hall.

'Off the pace' Saints head on road again

HAVING lost their first two outings in the West Midlands League division one, St Martins will look for a change of fortune on Saturday when they head to Kington Town (3pm).

It has been a tough start to the campaign for the Saints, who went down 2-1 away to Bromyard Town on the opening day, and succumbed 4-2 at Darlaston Town last weekend.

They continue their away fixtures with a trip to Kington, with 10 of their first 11 games away from their Park Hall base. "We're miles off the pace at the moment, we're nowhere near to where we want to be," said boss Dan Stevens.

Shawn Melusi is away until September, Dave Hartshorn is suspended, while another goalgetter Dave Easthope missed the game at Darlaston through illness.

Prestigious old cup gets back under way

CLUBS tackle the Welsh Cup on Saturday when the prestigious competition gets under way. Welshpool Town face a tricky trip to Spar Mid Wales League division one rivals Churchstoke.

First qualifying round fixtures (2.30). Kerry v Hay St Mary's, Abermule v Tywyn Brynecrug, Llansantffraid Village v Montgomery Town, North United v Trewern United, Churchstoke v Welshpool, Machynlleth v Llandrindod Wells.

Oswestry capitalise on rival deductions



Star man Sadaf Hussain

HIGH-FLYING Oswestry have become clear title favourites in the Birmingham Cricket League division two.

The Morda Road men now find themselves 38 points clear at the top of the table – and 51 ahead of third place – after previous leaders Fordhouses were deducted 36 points following unsavoury scenes that occurred in their game against Old Hill CC back in June.

With six games left, the first away to Old Elizabethans on Saturday (midday), the unexpected points swing has now

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put the title and promotion firmly in the grasp of Robbie Clarke's side.

After hearing of their rivals' points deduction the day before, Oswestry tightened their grip at the top of the table with a nine-wicket mauling of Old Hill, who themselves were docked 24 points following their part in the controversial match with Fordhouses.

Pakistani paceman Sadaf Hussain led the way with 5-15 as Old Hill were

routed for just 50. Roman Walker took a hat-trick on Saturday to reduce the visitors from 15-2 to 15-5. He finished with 4-29.

Warrick Fynn hit the first ball of the innings for six when Oswestry began their reply, and it took them just 9.1 overs to reach 53-1.

Fynn (26) was the only man out.

It all means they are now 38 points clear of second place Pershore, and 51 points ahead of Fordhouses, who now find themselves in third spot.

CLOUD HANGS OVER MORDA

By John Bridgwater

A CLOUD is hanging over the future of Morda United Football Club after pulling out of the Montgomeryshire League division one a week before the start of the season.

The Weston Road side have reluctantly come to the decision after struggling for players.

Club stalwart Colin Turner was willing to take over as manager this season, and had been heartened by interest from players. However, a poor turnout in training sessions led to concerns about whether the club could field a team in this year's Montgomeryshire League.

The Shropshire border club have a proud heritage, challenging in the Spar Mid Wales League before joining the West Midlands League and then the Shropshire Mercian League where they were one of the front runners.

Appeal

After initially being refused entry back into the Welsh system following objections from the English FA, they were successful in an appeal after a determined fight.

They returned to action in the Montgomeryshire League second division and gained promotion two seasons ago after finishing runners-up to Llanfair United reserves by just one point.

In 2015/16 Morda lifted the Montgomeryshire League Cup with a 2-0 victory over Meifod in the final at Newtown's Latham Park.

However, an increasing struggle to attract players has left them with no option but to call time on the eve of the season. Morda's demise is a sad day, not just for the club and its hard working officials and committee, but for local football in general, and will be a big blow to the Montgomeryshire League.

No panic, insists TNS boss



The New Saints line up for the camera before the start of the 2017/18 campaign

MANAGER Scott Ruscoe insists there's no cause for alarm as he looks for his side to bounce back in Saturday's crunch JD Welsh Premier televised clash with Bala Town at Park Hall (5.15pm).

The defending champions, with their sights set on a seventh successive title this season, suffered a shaky start as they crashed 5-2 at Bangor City on the opening night.

They will be keen to put things right this weekend against another of their likely challengers, Bala, who ran out 2-1 winners when the sides last met in the final of the Welsh Cup at the end of last season.

"It's only one game, it's only three points – we won the league by 27 points last season – so there is a long way to go," said Ruscoe.

"We've got another big game on Saturday, and the lads know they need to improve and we will be working hard this week to put things right."

"We were below par all over the team, and made some poor decisions," admitted Ruscoe.

"We've looked at the game and the goals we conceded, and will be working hard this week."

Striker Scott Quigley comes back into contention after illness saw him miss the Bangor game while midfielder Ryan Brobbel, who was on the bench last Friday due to injury, may also be pressing for a return. Chris Marriot, who is yet to figure this season, is continuing his comeback.

Meanwhile, Saints are waiting on a possible new signing who has been offered a contract after trialling with the champions.

Guildsfield seek home comforts

GUILDSFIELD will look to build on their positive start when they make their first home appearance of the season in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance against Penrhyncoch on Saturday (2.30).

The Guilds opened with an excellent opening play 1-1 draw at one of the title favourites Rhyl, and – despite playing the last half hour with 10 men after defender Robbie James was sent off for two bookings – could have returned with all three points.

There were four spot kicks in all, Asa Hamilton converting for the Guilds and Mark Connolly for the Lilywhites.

Connolly had seen an early spot kick saved by keeper Andy Wycherley on loan from TNS, who made an impressive debut, while Jake Cook spurned a late penalty for the visitors.

"Before the game I would have settled for a point, but we were a bit disappointed we didn't nick it at the end," said manager Nathan Leonard. "But we've got to be happy. The lads worked so hard having to play the last 27 minutes with 10 men."

He added: "We need to sort out our home form, and make our own ground a fortress which it used to be."

James is suspended for one game.

United front up for the challenge ahead

LLANFAIR United boss Rhys Stephens, whose side opened with a 2-1 victory at newly promoted Churchstoke, predicts a closely contested race for Spar Mid Wales League division one honours.

"The aim for the season has to be to try and win the league, have another decent run in the Welsh Cup and win at least one cup for the seventh season on the trot," he said.

"We are under no illusion how tough an ask this will be. I think there are at least six teams that will start with the same objective."

After taking on Berriew in midweek, United are home to Aberaeron on Saturday (1.30).

Llanrhaeadr, 4-1 winners over Aberaeron, hosted Carno in midweek before welcoming Llanidloes Town on Saturday (2.30).

After their opening day defeat to AFC Blackpool, FC Oswestry Town headed to Cammell Laird on Tuesday night before visiting Prestwich Heys on Saturday.

Jones joins Berriew

BERRIEW have been boosted by the arrival of former Rhayader Town midfielder Ashley Jones.

Meanwhile, Berriew have been drawn away to Llandrindod Wells in the second round of the FAW Trophy.

Draw (Central Wales clubs only): Bow Street v Churchstoke, Llansantffraid Village v Prestige, Llanrhaeadr v Montgomery Town, Radnor Valley v Brecon Northcote, Llanfair United v Carno, Trewern Utd v Machynlleth, Llandrindod Wells v Berriew, Knighton Town v Tywyn Brynecrug, Dyffryn Banw v Llanidloes Town. Ties to be played on Saturday, September 23.

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